



ID WARNING FOR FESTIVE DRINKERS

Report by Sue Austin

CLOSE checks will be made on drinkers in Oswestry this festive season after landlords reported an increase in the use of fake IDs.

Revellers have also been warned that if they fall foul of the town's Pubwatch banning scheme they could find themselves not only unable to drink in many premises in Oswestry, but across the country.

The warnings come after the latest meeting of the Oswestry Pubwatch group where members reported a significant increase in young people producing fake ID or ID which belongs to someone else to gain entry to licensed premises.

Licencees and door stewards say they will be checking age identification closely in the run-up to Christmas with a warning that over 18s could find lending younger friends and family their passport or driving licence could have "disastrous consequences".

Pubwatch and CCTV co-ordinator Jim Stafford said: "Apart from the fact that it is an offence to use ID belonging to someone else to gain entry to licensed premises, it can have disastrous consequences for the person to whom the ID relates."

Passport

"If someone uses a passport or driving licence belonging to a relation or friend they should be aware that door staff have the right to seize it and then they have to hand it to the police."

"Once a passport has been handed to the police, the police have no choice but to send a driving licence back to the DVLA or a passport back to the passport office. They cannot be handed back to the rightful owner under any circumstances. It will make no difference that the passport or driving licence was taken without consent. This can leave people unable to take a holiday abroad which they may have booked. The advice from the police would be to make sure you keep your documents secure."

Mr Stafford said Oswestry Pubwatch had joined National Pubwatch Online, the first scheme in Shropshire to do so.

He said: "This means the names of people banned by one scheme are circulated to the others."

"If someone is banned by Oswestry Pubwatch, they could find it difficult to go out in other towns involved in the scheme."

He said that there were currently three people banned from the pubs involved in Oswestry Pubwatch, two of them indefinitely.

Mr Stafford said: "People can be banned for a certain period of time or they can be given indefinite bans."

"These two were because of an assault on door staff, something taken very seriously."

The next Pubwatch meeting is at 10am on December 8 at the Townhouse in Oswestry and pubs wishing to join are welcome to attend that meeting or email oswestrycctv@btconnect.com

College students keen to show off 'course' work



Daina Davies at Scholars Restaurant shows off some of the great food on offer. Photo: Peter Shah.

STUDENTS are testing out their "course" work on the public – in the form of plates of delicious food.

Scholars Restaurant at the Oswestry campus of North Shropshire College has just unveiled its new menu for its Monday evening openings. And, as with the best restaurants, the students have based their dishes on seasonal produce.

Scholars opened its doors two years ago to give those studying for chef and hospitality exams practical experience. The restaurant was officially opened by Shropshire celebrity chef Marcus Bean who has returned since to run a pop-up restaurant there with the students. Lecturer and head chef Dan Thompson said the November menu was very exciting.

He said: "All the dishes are designed and created by the level three students. And they are priced at an amazing three courses for £8 which includes a soft drink or hot drink."

Seasonal produce in use includes squashes, beetroot chutney, berry coulis and autumnal apples. As part of its move to give young people the skills which will help them find work in Shropshire, North Shropshire College is holding an apprenticeship open evening on November 30 from 4pm to 8pm.

The college provides training to apprentices at more than 400 employers in Shropshire and beyond. Small employers can claim £1,500 for taking on and training an apprentice but time is limited at the grant is only available until December. Lucy Bowen, the college's appren-

ticeships manager, said: "There are many employers that work with the college who have vacancies to fill and there is support available from the college to help find a placement."

"We are really pleased to be offering the Apprenticeship Open Evening at the college. We have worked with employers and delivered apprenticeships in partnership with them since 1980. In the past three years the college has trained over 650 apprentices and worked with over 400 employers. We want to further expand NSC Business Training and urge employers and potential apprentices to come along to the open event. We look forward to meeting and advising people at both the Oswestry and Walford campuses between 4pm-8pm."

TRANSPORT

One-way system set for changes, road chief says

MAJOR changes to a controversial one-way system could be in place within the next 12 months.

The Welsh Assembly will look into reopening Brook Street in Welshpool to two-way traffic by the end of 2016.

It follows a visit by transport minister Edwina Hart last month who was told by Welshpool Town Council and other campaigners that the system was dangerous and would result in someone being killed.

The system has also been blamed for causing hold-ups in the town and putting visitors off. Glyn Davies, Montgomeryshire MP, said he was "delighted" changes would be made.

He said: "Mrs Hart's decision to commit her officials to carrying out the necessary research to scrap most of the bonkers one-way system is an important decision and good news for the development of business and jobs throughout Mid Wales."

"It will correct a huge mistake which was made when the Tesco store was built, one which has caused great damage to Mid Wales as well as Welshpool. The change cannot come too soon."

Russell George, Montgomeryshire AM, added that he had received a letter from Mrs Hart confirming her intention to bring in the changes. He added: "Mrs Hart also said that she will consider a range of other measures to improve access, pedestrian and road safety, and parking which I very much welcome."

COMMERCE

Closure of banks a 'blow to services'

BANKS are to close in two Mid Wales towns as HSBC announced it was pulling out of Llanfyllin and Llanfair Caereinion.

The banking giant says the branches have become financially unviable. Staff with be transferred to other branches.

The two banks will close in February with internet and mobile facilities improved to help its customers.

Llanfyllin's County Councillor Peter Lewis said: "I have written to HSBC's regional manager, insisting she comes to Llanfyllin to explain in person the reasons for these decisions. It's another desperate blow to local services."

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Mobile phone firms told to improve signal or face fine

Report by Andrew Morris

MOBILE phone operators have been warned to improve the signal in Mid Wales – or potentially face financial penalties.

Bosses of EE, Vodafone, O2 and Three have vowed to boost signal and introduce high speed 4G services following a meeting with Montgomeryshire AM Russell George.

Mr George said thousands of customers have been left with sub-standard signal in the region for months after phone masts in Newtown were disabled. He called a meeting in the town which was attended by the four networks and industry regulator Ofcom.

He said: "I was pleased Ofcom confirmed it would issue financial penalties, where appropriate if improvements were not made."

Mr George called the meeting after he received hundreds of letters from concerned residents. Now he said he is hopeful the service will improve following the meeting.

He said: "In recent months, my postbag has been dominated by frustrated residents and businesses from across North Powys asking why, in the 21st century, they are unable to make a simple phone call or receive a text message."

"From Newtown to Llanwddyn, residents have complained in their hundreds about the deterioration in mobile coverage in recent months."

"As a result, I thought it was important to bring all four network operators and the regulator, Ofcom, to Mid Wales so that they could hear directly from community leaders about the day to day difficulties which residents experience due to the lack of a reliable mobile signal."

"It was also so the operators could explain the reasons behind recent issues which have been partly attributed to the roll-out of new 4G services and new network sharing agreements between the operators."

Mr George added: "I was encouraged to learn that all operators are intending to improve the experience of mobile users in the area by providing additional capacity on their networks and that in some parts of Montgomeryshire, high speed 4G mobile services will soon be available."

"There was a commitment from EE that all of Newtown will receive 4G during January and that this will also ensure that the current difficulties are all resolved."

Area is battered and soaked by storms



Water levels were high at Lake Vyrnwy after the deluge of rain. Photo: Peter Shah

RESIDENTS in the Oswestry and Welshpool areas were battered and soaked after rain and wind hit the area this week.

People were urged to stay vigilant as roads were badly flooded in the Maesbrook area near Oswestry.

The Environment Agency issued flood warnings for the River Vyrnwy at Melverley and Maesbrook and lesser, flood alerts, for the River Severn in Shropshire and Powys.

Flood alerts were also put in place the confluence between the River Severn and River Vyrnwy.

Flood alerts were issued by the Environment Agency following around three inches of rain falling over Snowdonia, near the

River Severn catchment area. Dave Throup, spokesman for the Environment Agency, said the heavy rainfall had led to a series of flood alerts and warnings being issued across Shropshire and Mid Wales.

People in the Melverley area were told to expect fields and low lying roads to flood.

The wet weather also saw water levels rise at Lake Vyrnwy.

Mr Throup said: "In Shropshire, the rise in the River Severn is what we expect at the this time of year."

"But we are urging residents to stay vigilant and refer to our website for updates. The Environment Agency is monitoring the situation closely and will issue flood alerts

and warnings as required. We have teams out on the ground, clearing blockages in rivers and culverts."

"We missed the worst of the rainfall from Snowdonia, which fell to the other side of the River Severn catchment area. But it has increased the river levels and we will be keeping an eye on it."

It was not just wet weather householders had to contend with.

Strong winds caused widespread disruption, and there were several reports of trees being uprooted and fences being blown down.

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Council in appeal over budget plan

RESIDENTS of Mid Wales are being reminded they have less than two weeks left to take part in a budget balancing exercise that will help decide how the council reduces its spending by £27 million.

Powys County Council has been running an online consultation which sets out a range of proposals that could be used to generate savings over the next three financial years.

The exercise, which has been tried by more than 300 people, has been running since September and will end on November 30.

And to help residents who are not confident taking part in an online process, the council is providing extra support at libraries in the final week.

Library sessions will be run on November 24 at Montgomery from 10.30am to noon, at Welshpool from 1.30pm to 3pm and at Newtown from 4.30pm to 6pm; and on November 26 at Llanfyllin from 2pm to 3.30pm and at Llanfair Caereinion from 5pm to 6.30pm.

Council leader, Councillor Barry Thomas said; "Over 700 people have visited the online simulator but only half have submitted a final budget and we'd really like more people to take part. Information collected as part of the exercise will be considered by the cabinet as part of the budget making decisions which is going to be a very difficult process this year."

Woman died after fall from horse

A WOMAN died after falling from her horse, an inquest heard.

A hearing into the death of Mair Leanne Schmeinc was opened and adjourned at an inquest held at Shirehall in Shrewsbury last week.

Miss Schmeinc, 27, died on October 25 at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. The teaching assistant of Tynlwyn, Burgedin, Welshpool, was horse riding at the Isle Estate in Shrewsbury when she complained of having a "muzzy head" before falling off her horse.

According to the coroner's officer's report there had been no indication that she had been unwell beforehand. Pathologist Dr Cerys Burrows said Miss Schmeinc's cause of death was an intrathoracic haemorrhage, fractured ribs and a fall.

A full hearing into her death will be heard on January 20.

Four in court following covert police operation

Report by Peter Kitchen

FOUR men charged following a covert police operation will be asked to enter their pleas in February.

Prosecutors at Mold Crown Court said that they would be seeking to join the case to that of three other men who are already before the court.

William Michael Smith, 44, Patryk Dzwiatkowski, 21, and Daniel Goodwin, 23, of Ash Grove in Chirk, face charges of jointly conspiring to cause damage to a property. Smith, of Langdale Avenue, Wrexham, and Dzwiatkowski, of Smithfield Road, Wrexham, are also accused of conspiring to commit arson between September 28 and October 1 in Ponciau and conspiring to commit GBH to an unknown person at Castle Road in Chirk on October 20. Smith faces additional charges of possessing offensive weapons – a knuckle duster, sawn-off shotgun and a samurai sword – in a public place.

Dzwiatkowski is accused of possessing an extendible baton in a public place.

They were arrested by North Wales Police's Operation Scorpion team, which aims to crack down on serious and organised crime. All three appeared at Mold Crown Court via a live television link from Alt-course Prison in Liverpool.

Arrested separately, defendant Trevor Daniel Jones 32, of Park Road, Ponciau, Wrexham, who runs his own motor business at Overton, is charged with conspiracy to commit grievous bodily harm with intent on October 20 at Castle Road, Chirk, conspiracy to commit criminal damage between September 28 and October 21 at Park Road in Ponciau, and conspiracy to commit arson, between the same dates and at the same place. He appeared in the dock and his case was adjourned to the same date. Later, three men charged with possessing a sawn-off shotgun and handling the shotgun, said to have been stolen in a burglary, appeared via a live link from prison. The case against Ronnie Williams, 23, of Glan Glas, Rhos; Harry Williams, 20, of Wern Las, Rhos and Jack Kenneth Pritchard, 23, of Heol y Ffynnon, Bradley, Wrexham, was adjourned to the same date. Prosecuting barrister John Philpotts it was the intention to apply to have all defendants tried together. A provisional trial date was fixed for April 25 at Caernarfon Crown Court.

Racer Mark meets fans in town talk



Mark Webber was in Oswestry to talk about his new book and his career in F1 racing

HE is one of the fastest men on Earth, but former Formula One driver Mark Webber slowed down into a more relaxed gear when he met fans in Oswestry.

Webber, who finished third in the F1 World Championship in 2010, spent an evening in Oswestry last week talking about the highs and lows of his career – which saw him take nine wins, 42 podiums and 13 pole positions from 215 race starts.

About 300 people packed the school hall at The Marches School in Morda Road, and the famous racer signed copies of his new auto-

biography Aussie Grit for his many fans.

Webber said: "It's great to be here."

"I'm pretty stoked to hear it's a sell-out."

"It's a long way to come up here but worth it to see all these fans turn out on a cold, windy, rainy night to hear me rabbit on."

He spoke to the audience about his favourite tracks, describing Suzuka in Japan as the most challenging, while describing Monaco as "a bit like driving around Oswestry – or at least it was tonight".

Tim Morris from Booka bookshop in Oswestry, which organised the visit, said it had been one of the fastest-selling events he had ever organised.

He said: "It's not every day a genuine F1 star comes to Oswestry and the buzz that surrounded it was fantastic. The event sold out in two days and we could have sold it twice over."

"Mark is only doing two speaking events in the UK and then he is off to race in Bahrain. We have been incredibly privileged to have him here."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Early Years funds cut by authority

FIVE small Early Years education providers across Powys will have their funding stopped from January.

The providers based in Pontrobert, Llanfair Caereinion, Llanrhaeadr, Llandrindod Wells and Brecon have less than five full time places and have historically had low numbers.

Powys County Council acknowledged that withdrawing the funding may put some of the providers in jeopardy financially but they said the current situation is not sustainable.

A cabinet meeting was told that providers will be given at least six weeks' notice of the withdrawal of funding and they will be asked not to take on any more three-year-old children.

Parents will be able to continue with the same setting but will have to pay for their child's place themselves, the council says.

Hotel will stage charity fundraiser

A KITCHEN Live evening featuring cooking demonstrations and wine tasting will be held at a hotel.

The event at the Wynnstey Hotel in Oswestry on Monday will include a Christmas cooking demonstration by chef Jamie Deery, wine tasting by Howard Jones from Momentum Wines and a cocktail demonstration by specialist Rob Wolstonhome from Wilsons Wine Bar. The evening has been organised by Oswestry Cambrian Rotary to raise funds for Against Breast Cancer and other Rotary projects.

More information is available on the Oswestry Cambrian Rotary website at www.oswestrycambrianrc.co.uk and tickets can be reserved there or by calling Mike Lade on (01691) 650854.

Market to back business event

OSWESTRY Market will once again be supporting the national Small Business Saturday campaign planned for December 5.

The event is designed to recognise the importance of small retailers and there will be activities all over the country to promote them. Oswestry Market will not only have a Santa's Grotto inside the market on December 5 but also have Olaf the snowman from the film Frozen coming on the day.

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Politicians speak of shock over deadly Paris attacks

Report by Emma Walker

POLITICIANS serving the Oswestry and Welshpool areas have spoken of their shock at the weekend's terrorist attacks in Paris.

North Shropshire MP, Owen Paterson and wife Rose were in France when the attacks happened. Mr Paterson spoke of the "shock of the bewilderment" of friends he spoke to. He returned for a debate in Westminster with the thoughts of the French people very much in his mind.

He said: "The French are genuinely shocked and bewildered. I talked to local people where we were staying and they said 'but these people were our young people, they went to schools here, they grew up here'. It is an appalling situation."

Consultation is opened on centre plans

MILE End Tourist Information Centre on the edge of Oswestry could close next year.

Shropshire Council says numbers using the centre have plummeted as visitors get information from the internet.

The council is seeking people's views on the future delivery of visitor information services in the area. The council's preferred option is to close the facility at Mile End and transfer responsibility for inquiries to Oswestry Borderland Tourism Ltd in the town's heritage centre.

If that option goes ahead, the four part-time staff at Mile End will either be transferred to other posts or be offered redundancy. Public consultation will run until December 29.

Council bosses say the centre provides services to less than 30,000 visitors per year, a significant decrease on the peak number of 76,000 in 2008.

The council also wants to see the British Ironwork Centre on the A5 become an official Tourist Information Point.

An area and town map information board would also be provided at the Mile End service area promoting the availability of local visitor information services in Oswestry and at nearby tourist attractions.

To take part in the consultation, go to <http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/visitor-information-services-in-north-west-shropshire/>.

Consultation forms are also available at Mile End visitor information centre and Oswestry Heritage Centre.

"What are the three things that people living in an open society do at the weekend, they go to a football match, they go to the theatre, they sit in a restaurant, all the places that were attacked."

Mr Paterson regularly takes breaks in the south of France and has close links with the country.

He said the events in Paris proved that Britain must continue to support its intelligence and security services and not change legislation in a way that would hamper them.

He added: "It makes you appreciate the incredible work our intelligence services do. An awful lot of tragedies have not happened in Britain because of them."

"As Northern Ireland minister I had to sign warrants quickly and at all times of the day and night. We must not slow that system down and we must recognise that we could be next."

Montgomery MP Glyn Davies said: "The terrorist attack on Paris is deeply shocking and frightening."

"Initially we can think only of those killed and injured. And about the mindless violence so close to us. I think it will have an impact on how we view our security, but much too soon to make conclusions or decisions."

Keith Barrow, Leader of Shropshire Council, also expressed his sorrow following the terror attack.

Councillor Barrow, who represents Oswestry South, said: "It's really awful. My thoughts and prayers are with the people. It is an horrendous act of terrorism."

A school trip set to leave Shropshire for France in two weeks' time could be called off in the wake of the terror attacks.

Pupils in Years 8 and 9 at St Martins School in St Martins near Oswestry, were due to head across the Channel for a languages trip. But headteacher Sue Lovecy said she was taking advice on the current security situation, following the multiple attacks in Paris.

Couple just happy to be home



Michelle and Peter Bebb, who were stranded for three days in Sharm el-Sheikh

It might be raining and blowing a gale, but Michelle Bebb couldn't be happier to be home from her sunshine holiday.

She and her husband Peter were among the thousands of British tourists stuck in Egypt after a terror alert led to a mass evacuation.

Mrs Bebb, from St Martins, near Oswestry, said she and Peter flew back to Manchester, after spending three days trapped in Sharm el-Sheikh.

"I was petrified from the moment we took off," she said. "You don't normally listen to things when you are flying, you are on holiday so you just relax and enjoy yourself. But on the way back we were listening to the engine for noises and everything."

"At one point we had some really bad turbulence, and you can imagine what that was like. Once we touched down, we didn't wait to be told to take our seatbelts off, everybody was queuing to get off before the plane had even stopped moving." Mrs Bebb, who is a health care assistant at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital, flew out to Sharm el-Sheikh with Peter for a week's holiday on October 29, two days before the Russian airliner crashed. She said: "I kept reading people saying 'what are they complaining about?' They got an extra three days holiday," but I can assure you there was nothing relaxing about it at all. That really annoyed me, we just wanted to get home. We spent all our time queuing at the airport."

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MPs told of plans to push Future Fit scheme forward

Report by Rebecca King

HEALTH bosses have reiterated their desire to come up with a preferred option for the future of Shropshire's NHS services by next year.

They told two of the county's MP that they hoped to start consultation on proposals for the future of services such as A&E by June 2016.

The process will be overseen by Wendy Saviour, NHS England director for the North Midlands area, who will monitor the progress being made by Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Groups. A further meeting will be held in January to check up on progress being made, according to Shrewsbury MP Daniel Kawczynski and Telford MP Lucy Allan, who met health chiefs behind closed doors last week.

Health boss resigns from county group

ONE of the figures leading the reorganisation of health services across Shropshire has resigned.

Dr Caron Morton has resigned as accountable officer for Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

Dr Morton, who lives in Ruyton-XI-Towns near Oswestry, was placed on authorised leave in late September and had been a leading figure in the Future Fit programme outlining the reorganisation of health services in the county, including changes to A&E provision.

Dr Morton is believed to be going back into a practice part time in Bishops Castle. She had previously served as a GP and partner at Station Drive Surgery in Ludlow, before moving into management with the then Shropshire County Primary Care Trust.

Richard Caddy, communications manager for Shropshire CCG, said: "We can confirm Dr Caron Morton has resigned as accountable officer for Shropshire CCG."

"Caron was a founding member of Shropshire County CCG and was instrumental in the development of vision, values and constitution of the organisation."

"Caron provided a very strong focus on clinical input to the commissioning process and ensured the organisation developed and maintained a focus around patient safety."

In January Dr Morton was awarded a MBE for services to primary care.

Amy puts experience to use



Marches School student Amy Rowley saved her gran from choking thanks to a recent work experience stint at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital

WHEN Amy Rowley's grandmother started to choke and started losing consciousness the teenager knew exactly what to do - thanks to training she had received during recent work experience at a Shropshire hospital.

Amy expertly carried out the "Heimlich manoeuvre" on her nan and managed to dislodge the piece of food.

Earlier this year the 15-year-old from Aston Way, Oswestry enjoyed a work experience placement at the Shropshire Orthopaedic Hospital, working alongside nurses on the Sheldon ward for elderly patients.

All those doing work experience at the hospital have to undertake basic first aid training. That training became vital when her grandparents visited her home in

Oswestry. "My grandmother, who struggles to breathe, started to choke on a piece of cake," she said. "She began to panic, granddad didn't know what to do and I had to step in. I gave her three bangs on her back but that didn't help and she started to go red and lose consciousness."

"Then I remembered from the training I received about the Heimlich and it seemed to work and dislodged the piece of cake that was blocking her airway. She was soon back to her old self - I had just saved my nan's life." Joanne White, community and business development manager at the Marches School, said: "This is testament to our work experience placement ethos that students acquire training and life experience, which can prove invaluable."

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

There's been a major setback for protesters fighting plans to build houses close to Oswestry's hillfort with news that the scheme has been signed off by a planning inspector. Shropshire Council's SAMDev plans for housing developments over the next decade have been approved by planning inspector Claire Sharratt and they include a blueprint for 117 new homes off Whittington Road – an area close to Oswestry's hillfort.

What annoys me most is the inspector says the reasons for giving her blessing to the development included the fact that no objection was received from a body known as Historic England – the public body which allegedly looks after England's historic environment. I checked out the illustrious government body's website to discover it claims to champion historic places, identifies and protects our heritage and understands the importance of historic places such as Oswestry's famous hillfort.

If such a body, presumably staffed by knowing historians, doesn't recognise the historic value of Oswestry Hillfort there's something seriously wrong. For those who don't know Oswestry Hillfort was built and occupied during the Iron Age and is one of the best-preserved hillforts in Britain.

If that's not enough to demand some recognition, support and protection from Historic England it's difficult to know what is. I'm glad to hear that the fight will go on. Thousands of people have objected to housing near to the hillfort and the Hands Off Oswestry Hillfort group will now challenge Historic England for answers.

Some town centres may be starting to look pretty sad with more and more empty shops but a town council survey has revealed that Welshpool is bucking the trend. The survey shows that the vacancy rate of ground floor retail and business premises in the town centre is less than six per cent against a national average of 13 per cent – and over two per cent of the empty units are currently under offer.

Footfall figures at the town's Tourist Information Centre have gone through the roof.

In the six months to the end of September there had been 31,500 people through the door with only 34,200 visitors in the previous 12 months.

There is no doubt that this year's figures at the TIC are skewed because of visitors to the National Eisteddfod at Meifod but there are clear indications that things are on the up with Polka Dot Travel and Jonathan Partridge Opticians opening up in Church Street and Roger Parry estate agents occupying a prime position on The Cross this month.



Nichola Kearsley and her son Liam have a chat with physio Sarah Bew at The Movement Centre



Little Liam Kearsley gets to grips with some of the toys at The Movement Centre



Physio Sarah Bew checks out some of the special equipment at The Movement Centre

Pioneering centre plans to keep moving forward

The Movement Centre is helping children with their mobility problems. PAM KINGSLEY finds out more

TWO-YEAR-OLD Liam Kearsley runs around the room, showing off his Winnie the Pooh book and climbing up on chairs.

He looks and acts just like any other toddler – but just nine months ago he was unable to walk, stand or even sit up without help.

The remarkable transformation has been brought about thanks to the pioneering work done by The Movement Centre in Gobowen, near Oswestry.

The centre was founded by Dr Penny Butler, who pioneered targeted training 20 years ago. Targeted training works on one area of the body at a time. For example, if a child has problems supporting itself sitting up, it might be given a back support which runs up to its neck. After the next assessment the support would be lowered to allow the child to train its muscles at the next level, and the process would be repeated until the child had made as much progress as possible.

Liam's first standing frame supported him from just above his pelvis. Nine months later he only needs support on his knees and ankles.

His mum, Nichola, from Penley, near Ellesmere, said the difference the treatment has made has been life-changing.

"I don't know where Liam would have been without the centre," she said. "He wasn't crawling, he wasn't making any move to stand. He was just sitting with support."

But since February he's really come on. It was The Movement Centre that identified his additional needs with his shoes and splints."

However, at one point it looked as if



The Movement Centre physio Sarah Bew with Liam Kearsley

Liam would be unable to get the treatment he needed, as the centre's work is not generally funded by the NHS.

"His paediatrician referred him here, but his funding was refused," Mrs Kearsley said. "He's only here thanks to The Movement Foundation that contacted me and said they thought he would benefit and fund his place."

Although it shares a site with Oswestry's orthopaedic hospital, The Movement Centre is a charity and needs to raise over £160,000 each year to cover costs – including helping children like Liam who can't get funding through the NHS.

But Pauline Holbrook, director of clinical services, said attitudes to the centre are gradually changing.

"The challenge is to keep our heads above water and trying to get the opportunity for children to be funded

through local NHS provision," she said. "Some CCGs (clinical commissioning groups) do already recognise the work we're doing and are very happy to support is – at around £6,250 per child – but now it's about getting other CCGs to recognise that it's not just about what happens now but if we help children now they have less of a draw on the health service later in life."

The centre raises its money from donations, grants, and from fundraising by supporters, including parents of children who have received treatment.

Mrs Kearsley, 31, is one of the many parents who has done fundraising events for the charity, raising more than £5,000 by trekking the Sahara and organising other events.

"I wanted to help because the charity funded Liam's place and I wanted to try to raise enough to support an-

other child to come here," she said. "I really wanted him to come here and I was quite disappointed when the NHS refused to fund his place. I'd love to be able to help someone else get the sort of treatment and support Liam has had."

The centre has two treatment rooms which are quite large to allow room for the children to walk up and down so that the physiotherapists can see how they are progressing. Sessions are also videoed so that the physiotherapists can have a record of the child's progress and also see them move from different angles. Children come in for an initial assessment and are then given equipment tailored to their needs. They visit the centre every two months for a two to three hour appointment each time after which their equipment is altered to what they need at that point.

Gaynor Gravestock, business director of the centre, said: "Most of us take for granted the ability to lift our heads, sit, stand and walk, but for some children that's not possible without a lot of help."

"We're the only place to have the centre and equipment standing upright and then use physio to help them strengthen their core and to develop the skills. It's incredible. Over the 20 years the outcomes are fantastic. The data speaks for itself and the improvements made are wonderful. We've helped over 500 children but we're looking to grow over the next five years. We want to train more physiotherapists then look at having more centres to deliver targeted training there as well. We've been consolidating over the last 20 years. We've got proof that it works and the trustees now recognised there's an opportunity for growth." The centre, which has just eight members of staff, has now applied for planning permission for its building to remain in situ through to 2020.

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WORKING FOR YOU



As writing my column this week, I can only reflect on the terrible events of the last few days in Paris.

Readers of the Chronicle will share my overwhelming sense of shock and horror at the scale and brutality of the terrorist attacks.

Innocent people, out in the city for an evening's enjoyment, murdered by cold blooded killers.

The people of Britain have shown huge sympathy for France as she responds to the terrible events that have taken place.

These terrorist attacks in Paris have brought home to us in the UK how instability in the Middle East has an impact on our safety at home.

It's but a few years since we had a bomb outrage in London where many innocent people were killed as they were travelling on public transport in the city.

And we are told there have been several terrorism plots targeting the UK which have been frustrated by our security forces over the last year.

What has happened in Paris reminds us of the threats and that the first duty of any Government is to protect the people from outside attack.

Threats

Inevitably, there will now be debate about how we respond to these threats.

I will touch on two issues which MPs will be deciding very shortly.

Firstly will be the capability we allow our security forces to access communications data.

There is a proper concern that it's not "British" to allow unnecessary surveillance, but surely it's no longer safe to allow the criminals and terrorists a free hand to operate by modern communication methods which shackle those charged with the responsibility to defend and protect us.

The second important decision before MPs is whether we should become more engaged with cutting off the poison of terrorism at source.

Much of the world will come together to destroy Daesh, an evil force which refers to itself as an "Islamic State".

It's not a "state", and I will not refer to it as such.

At present the Prime Minister is considering asking MPs to consider joining the air attacks on Daesh forces in Syria, where it has its base.

I expect him to come to the House of Commons before Christmas asking MPs to join other countries in acting to rid the world of the evil we witnessed in Paris over the last few days.

Glyn Davies
Montgomeryshire MP

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Q: Please can you clarify the new working time rules that have come into force? I work for a landscaping firm that does pub garden installations. The jobs can be anywhere in the country and we only know a week in advance where we have got to go. Could be Scotland, could be Land's End. I know they brought in some new regulations about time for travelling to jobs being counted as part of the working day but my boss doesn't seem to have made any adjustments to the length of our working day on the job, or to our pay. Can he get away with this?

A: It is not really clear what you are expecting here. Given the nature of your work your contract of employment should set out how travel time is paid and how it is part of your normal working week.

The new Working Time Directive rule states that time taken to travel to a job outside a normal regular place of work, e.g. an employer's business premises, will be counted as part of an employee's weekly hours. The number of hours an employee can work in a week is limited to 48, including overtime. Workers can choose to 'opt out' of the 48-hour weekly limit but this must be voluntary and in writing. An employer can also request that a worker 'opts out', but they cannot sack or unfairly treat an employee who refuses to 'opt out'. Workers can cancel their opt out agreement at any time by giving a minimum of 7 days' or a maximum of three months' notice, provided this is in the original written opt-out agreement.

Before confronting your employer about any issues you should read your contract and seek advice about how travel time is paid and how your maximum hours are treated. Your local solicitor will be able to advise.

It is also advisable for anyone with young children to make a Will. If you have not made a Will you should consider making an appointment with a solicitor to do so.

This question has been answered by Robert Williams, a Partner with GHP Legal.

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Killing of suspect sparks many concerns

DAVID Cameron told the House of Commons that the RAF had undertaken the targeted killing of British national Reyaad Khan in Syria using a British drone outside of a United Nations sanctioned military intervention.

Many legal scholars and international human rights organisations are shocked at this development but the British Defence Secretary has told us that other British citizens may now be targeted in this way.

While it may be lawful in certain narrow circumstances to pre-emptively kill a suspect, the growing use of armed drones has hugely expanded the number of targeted

killings by states that operate them and international law in this area is quietly being eroded. While the legal arguments are complicated and confusing it is surely right that the Government sets out clearly for the public and parliamentarians the legal basis for killing a British citizen in a country in which the UK is not at war and for which UN authority has not been granted.

The activities of Isis are abhorrent and barbarous and there is a temptation to sweep aside international, European and domestic law and insist that terrorists are legitimate targets for swift execution.

But our response to terrorism must not

be to abandon the rule of law and embrace unthinking violence as that is just what the terrorists want. Instead we must recommit ourselves to act justly in refutation of the idea that such violence and terror can ever be legitimate.

Many of us are now calling on the UK government to comply with international law and stop these killings, give a detailed account of the legal basis for its targeted killing in Syria and commit to proper oversight and accountability for the use of its armed drones.

ANGIE ZELTER
Knighton

Advances in technology are not always for the best

RECENT articles portray those resistant to some new technology as bullies, and backward. Criticism usually comes from quarters with flimsy arguments.

Few would argue that technological advances have been made, but equally clear is that many have been tried out on us with devastating results.

Examples are asbestos, DDT, thalidomide, atomic power, agent orange and carcinogenic food additives. As each technology is found to be harmful, it is withdrawn but not before it has caused a lot of suffering.

The recent attempts prove that we have not learned from our earlier mistakes. Here are a few examples of the wish list of some in authority.

1. Remove badgers to address bovine TB even after it is proved to be ineffective and vaccination is a better method.
2. Fracking even when it is proved to have harmful effects and its benefits are of short duration.
3. Atomic energy plants even when the harmful effects of radioactive waste are being increasingly experienced.
4. Genetically modified food even when there are known potential devastating effects.
5. Worry people about melting ice caps and rising sea levels even when both polar caps are getting larger than ever measured before.
6. Grow biofuel even when it is competing with essential food production.

PETER KEEN
Oswestry

We could grind to a big halt

HAVE we lost the plot? I have returned from a 12-day tour of five countries, beginning in Geneva. Altogether 2,600 kms were travelled, and only two sets of roadworks with traffic light control were encountered. In fact only two sets of roadworks on the entire journey.

Returning to Shrewsbury we find no less than eight sets of lights controlling traffic where work was in progress, or perhaps where there was an abandoned hole.

Most main arteries were affected, and most of the work associated with either utilities or the lining of the pockets of property developers.

It seems to me that, with the evident rush to increase wealth and prosperity, we are likely to grind to halt, because the increased population cannot be sustained without investment in better infrastructure. There is an apparent desire by an ever increasing proportion of the population to use their car, for no more specific purpose than to save time, because life is now so busy. Might this be the beginning of our undoing? On my travels, the pace of life seemed to be much slower and with that a certain quality of life existed, which I think we once enjoyed, but which is now alien to many people.

CHRIS BROWN
Westbury

Plenty of variety as buses line up for a photo



There's lots of variety in this line-up of old buses at Vaggs Motors, Knockin. This picture is from Dave Tipton, who went to Vaggs after leaving the Midland Red in Shrewsbury.

The Germans are suffering under immigration rules

GERMAN authorities are applying heavy-handed tactics to find housing for the hundreds of thousands of migrants and refugees pouring into the country from Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

With existing shelters filled to capacity, federal, state and local authorities are now using legally and morally dubious measures – including the expropriation of private property and the eviction of German citizens from their homes – to make room for the newcomers. German taxpayers are also being obliged to make colossal economic sacrifices to accommodate the influx of migrants, many of whom have no prospect of ever finding a job in the country.

How long do you think it will be before English councils and landlords start evicting us so they can house immigrants?

Our taxpayers' money will be used to pay higher rents for immigrants' accommodation and landlords will throw out English people in order to receive the higher rent income.

DENIS ALLEN
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A Divine plan for the planet

MARK Carney the Governor of the Bank of England warns that unless we take decisive action soon on climate change the result will be economic disaster.

What hope is there for our children? Jesus Christ has been given authority by God to execute his plan for planet Earth, and will come back to take control. Read your history and read the Bible, it is working out as foretold. God gave man his free-will, but will not let us destroy His creation.

RON JONES
St Martins

Are we really bothered about the VW scandal?

WELL ok, VW were naughty by fiddling emission tests by fitting dodgy software, however let's be honest and say – are we unduly bothered by it?

I can remember the times (I bet many others can as well) when I have taken my car for an MOT test and did an extra lap round the block just to burn off any oil fumes that may have been exiting the exhaust pipe.

I can recall watching the examiner shove the emission tester rod up the exhaust and quietly had my fingers crossed that the extra lap had successfully managed to burn off any excess fumes, watching in delight as he wrote out a new MOT certificate.

I bet just like myself, many others have gone to a VW showroom to purchase a new or used car, and on finding the car we liked, did we turn to the sales rep and say "excuse me, can you tell me the emission readings for this car?". Did we heck as like.

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Picture focus



Civic dignitaries and schoolchildren took time to reflect during Armistice Day in Oswestry last week



Colin Cole from Gobowen has been selling poppies for years

War dead honoured

MORE than 150 people turned out to pay their respects at Oswestry's war memorial at 11am on Armistice Day.

The crowd assembled at the town's park gates for a short act of remembrance led by Rev Simon Thorburn, vicar of St Oswald's Parish Church.

Members of the Royal British Legion lowered their flags and laid a wreath on the memorial while a trumpeter from Porthwaen Silver Band played the Last Post.

Report by Pam Kingsley

The silence was only broken by the noise of a helicopter from RAF Shawbury which carried out a low-level flypast at 250 metres above the ground in its own tribute to the fallen.

The crowds gathered included many former members of the armed forces, including the town's mayor, Cllr Peter Cherrington, who used to serve with the Royal Navy. Other members of the town council were also present as well as shoppers and children from nearby

Bellan House School who all turned out to pay their respects. Also paying his respects was Colin Cole from Gobowen.

Mr Cole served in the RAF air sea rescue team throughout the Second World War and is still determined to help where he can.

At 96 years old he is now one of the Royal British Legion's oldest poppy sellers in the country. He said: "I've been selling poppies for over 20 years. I've been a member of the Royal British Legion for many years and you have to do these things."



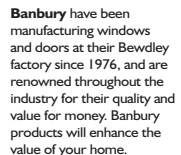
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Gym set for extension in leisure deal

CHIRK Leisure Centre is to get a £250,000 gym extension and the town will have its synthetic turf pitch replaced as part of a handover of leisure services to a private firm.

Wrexham Council has chosen Freedom Leisure to run its four leisure centres as well as facilities at five secondary schools.

As part of the deal, Wrexham Council will retain responsibility for the structure of the facilities and any defects as well as replacing major equipment.

Freedom Leisure has proposed large scale capital investment in the leisure centres including the gym extension at Chirk and £300,000 to replace three synthetic turf pitches at Chirk and Queensway.

There will also be £1.2 million spent at Watersworld in Wrexham and £500,000 on energy efficiency investments at three centres including Chirk.

The firm says it will spend £6 million over the 10-year contract with the council.

Councillor Hugh Jones said the management fee being charged by Freedom was the lowest of all those who tendered for the leisure centres.

Man in court over fraud claim

A MAN has appeared at court in connection with an alleged £116,000 VAT fraud.

Adrian Vaughan Jones of White Church Gardens in Chirk, faces three charges of being concerned in the fraudulent evasion of VAT, going back to 2006.

At Mold Crown Court, Jones was bailed by Judge Geraint Walters pending a plea hearing in January.

Barbara will make your day with gorgeous gifts

WE MEAN BUSINESS

THE Chronicle's We Mean Business campaign celebrates businesses in the Oswestry area. This week we celebrate Another Gorgeous Day.

Another Gorgeous Day is an online store selling wall plaques with wonderful words on them.

They are designed and handmade by Barbara Steadman. Barbara set up the business six years ago, when she was trying to find a gift for a friend with a really lovely quote. "I was unable to find anything so decided to make it myself," says Barbara. "My friend loved it and so Another Gorgeous Day was born." Since then Another Gorgeous Day has gone from strength to strength selling wall plaques all over the world and now doing their own range of personalised signs so people can choose their own words and quotes. "I love being part of the gift buying process. Special words on a plaque is so thoughtful and really means a lot to the recipient," Barbara explains. "It can be a special quote or saying, a particular date with names, door plaques, nursery signs or I have done quite a few for businesses for them to give to either their customers or employees". Another Gorgeous Day has just released a number of new ranges which are already proving popular. They are based on three themes: wine, chickens and dogs. Barbara also has a Christmas range. Another Gorgeous Day can be found at www.anothergorgeousday.co.uk



Barbara Steadman launched online store Another Gorgeous Day six years ago



NEWS IN BRIEF

Charity backed by businessmen

TWO Oswestry businessmen have been raising funds for charity.

Howard Jones of Momentum Wines and Sebastiano Siddi, general manager of The Wynnstay Hotel in Oswestry, came together to raise funds for the CRY for Matthew campaign.

Both trained to run the Lake Vynwy half marathon and both completed in under two hours and raised over £600 for CRY.

The campaign supports the work of Cardiac Risk in the Young in Shropshire by raising funds for heart screening young people aged 14 to 35 years for otherwise undiagnosed heart defects, something that kills at least 12 young people every week in the UK.

Sue Dewhirst from CRY for Matthew collected the cheque from Momentum Wine offices for £550 with other donations being made through the teams Just Giving page.

The money raised will go towards two days of screening next year.

Jewellery taken in daytime home raid

JEWELLERY with great sentimental value has been stolen from a house in a village near Oswestry.

The burglar got into the house in Overton Road in St Martins by forcing entry on Thursday last week between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. An untidy search was made and cash and jewellery were taken. Some of the items taken had been passed down through generations of the same family.

Police said they are keen to speak to the occupants of a white VW Golf car seen acting suspiciously in the area beforehand. Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 101 quoting incident number 0455S 121115.

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Apprenticeships are focus of open event

NORTH Shropshire College (NSC) will be holding an open evening on Monday, November 30, for potential apprentices and employers.

The evening will be held at NSC's Oswestry and Walford campuses.

NSC provides training to apprentices at over 400 employers in Shropshire and beyond. Small employers can claim £1,500 for taking on and training an apprentice but time is limited and the grant is only available until December 2015.

There are many employers that work with the college who have vacancies to fill, and there is support available from the college to help find a placement.

Lucy Bowen, NSC's apprenticeships manager, said: "We are really pleased to be offering the Apprenticeship Open Evening at the college. We have worked with employers and delivered apprenticeships in partnership with them since 1980. In the past three years the college has trained over 650 apprentices and worked with over 400 employers.

"We want to further expand NSC business training and urge employers and potential apprentices to come along to the open event."

Louise Almond, training officer at Coverage Care Services said: "At Coverage Care, we have an on-going relationship with NSC which supports the development of our staff through qual-



Louise Almond of Coverage Care



Lucy Bowen from the college

ification levels and the added benefit of working flexibly around the students and their work commitments.

"The college also provides opportunities for specialist training to further support the continuing professional development of our staff."

Lucy added: "Many people will be unaware that you are able to start an apprenticeship now, there is no need to wait until September as with full time courses.

"Plus, with no upper age limit, this is a great opportunity for mature

learners to get a new career by training on the job with an apprenticeship.

"We look forward to meeting and advising people on Monday, November 30. There is no need to book, just come along to either the Oswestry or Walford Campus from 4pm until 8pm."

For more information about apprenticeships at NSC, or how an apprentice can help your business grow, please contact apprenticeships manager Lucy Bowen on (01939) 262169 or email l.bowen@nsc.ac.uk



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Birthplace of war poet Owen sold to local buyer

THE Oswestry birthplace of war poet Wilfred Owen has been sold to a local buyer just five months after it was placed on the market.

The Georgian house, Plas Wilmot, in Weston Lane, was in the hands of the same family for more than 40 years, and has been sold by agents Savills with a guide price of £625,000.

Tony Morris-Eyton, from Savills, said: "Plas Wilmot did have a lot of interest because of the Wilfred Owen connection, but also because it is one of the most prominent houses in Oswestry."

Report by Pam Kingsley

"It has been purchased by a local Oswestry person."

It is believed the Grade II-listed property, which has six bedrooms, three reception rooms and large gardens, will be kept as a family home.

Last year the house's grounds were at the centre of a planning row over an application to build seven homes in the former orchard, paddock and vegetable garden. Work has now begun on this project, which was not included in the sale of the 19th century house.

More recently the house was included in a

new Wilfred Owen Trail, launched by local enthusiast John Waine, which features notable locations in and around Oswestry that were key to the poet's life.

Owen was born at Plas Wilmot in 1893, although his family moved to Birkenhead four years later before returning to Shropshire. Mr Waine said he was pleased to hear that the house had been bought by someone local.

He said: "The new owners will be well aware of the importance of Wilfred's family home on his formative years, and the dramatic story of his family life there."

Owen died in November 1918, just days before the end of World War One.



War poet Wilfred Owen was born at Plas Wilmot in Weston Lane, Oswestry

Nurse Carrie on heartbreaking refugee mission

AN emergency nurse from the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital has returned to Kos to deliver vital aid to refugees less than a month after she first visited the Greek island.

Carrie Davies, 55, described her first two weeks in Kos as "heartbreaking" but said she had no choice but to return to help thousands of refugees who have landed there after crossing from neighbouring Turkey in small boats.

Carrie, from Llanyrnnech, near Oswestry, has set up her own Go Fund Me account www.gofundme.com/mh7g-j5ak with the aim of raising £10,000 to buy food, clothing, tents, medical aids and medicines. As she prepared to set off for her second trip, the mother-of-three said: "I have left my heart behind. I have to return." The majority of refugees in Kos are fleeing conflict in Syria, Iraq or Afghanistan and many are sleeping on the streets, in tents or abandoned buildings.

Carrie described the harrowing conditions migrants faced after reaching dry land.

The holiday island has seen thousands arriving, with refugees often mixing with tourists enjoying their holiday. "I saw terrible suffering as everyday people made the highly dangerous journey across from Turkey in small dinghies," she said. "Sometimes they would make it alive but many times they didn't. The two weeks were a real rollercoaster of emotion and sadness. There was a feeling of happiness when we fed so many starving people, yet I also saw and heard the stuff of nightmares. Every day we would feed as many refugees as possible, but it's never enough and there is always a family that goes hungry. I cannot help feeling these people are being forgotten about and therefore I cannot simply go back to my cosy life while suffering carries on throughout Europe."

Man in court over security firm raid

A MAN involved in a burglary at a security company more than two years ago has been given a suspended prison sentence.

Travis Perkin, 21, was one of three men who targeted Safe (UK) Ltd and stole computer equipment worth £4,500 and caused £1,000 damage at the premises.

None of the property taken in the raid at the Ellesmere Business Park in Oswestry Road was recovered.

At Shrewsbury Crown Court Perkin was given a six-month sentence, suspended for 18 months, and placed on supervision and must complete 120 hours unpaid work.

Perkin, of Southgate, Sutton Hill, Telford, had pleaded guilty at an earlier

hearing to charges of burglary and going equipped for theft.

Judge Peter Barrie told Perkin he was being given an opportunity and warned him that it would be easy to fall into a pattern of offending. Samantha Powis, prosecuting, said that Perkin along with two other men was arrested in a van near Oswestry Golf Club in the early hours of September 9, 2013.

Officers found a set of golf clubs in the van along with a crowbar, a torch, screwdrivers, balaclavas and gloves.

Two hours later the raid at Safe (UK) Ltd was discovered.

Delroy Henry, for Perkin, said his client did have some mental health issues which had caused him to behave irrationally.

Fall in pregnancies

THE number of teenage girls getting pregnant in Powys has shown a huge decline according to the latest figures from Public Health Wales.

In just three years, teenage pregnancy rates have dropped from 24 per 1,000 to 16 per 1,000, resulting in 23 fewer pregnancies when comparing 2010 with 2013, health bosses said.

Stuart Bourne, deputy director of Public Health for Powys Teaching Health Board said: "Having a child at an early age can damage young people's health and well-being and limit their education and economic prospects."

Mr Bourne added: "While individual young people can be competent and loving parents, all the evidence suggests that teenage parents and their children experience a range of negative outcomes in childhood and later life."

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Now, with the help of the Sit and Slim programme, she has lost six and a half stone and is a healthier size 24-26 and far more agile.

It is still a far cry from the eight stone underwear model of her youth, when she cycled 26 miles a day to work, but Angie says she is happier and more mobile than she has been for many years.

"I'm so overwhelmed with the chair; it's unreal. I've been able to walk better, go upstairs better. I was a complete mess; I was getting to be like a hermit. I didn't want to go anywhere. "My husband Tom said he's noticed such a difference in my wellbeing. My whole personality has changed, I'm more relaxed. I had a job to keep up with him when we're walking. Now it's the other way around. He's absolutely delighted for me."

"I WAS ON ANTI-DEPRESSANTS BUT IT WASN'T MAKING ME FEEL ANY BETTER"

AFTER a string of bereavements and a breast cancer scare, Jean Williams was at her lowest ebb.

She had been looking forward to retirement after 35 years as a staff nurse in the NHS in Shrewsbury, but the death of her husband in 2010 and her mother, two years later, had tipped her into deep depression.

"I became very depressed, I cried a lot and didn't want to get up in the morning," said Jean.

"I couldn't really put a finger on why I was feeling like that. I was on anti-depressants but it wasn't making me feel any better."

She saw an advertisement for Miruji and wondered if it might help so she signed up.

She succeeded in losing one

stone in time for a world trip, with an old friend in the beginning of 2014. She has not looked back.

"I feel so much better, I feel really positive about things," she said. "I am a different person. I don't feel like I am carrying a cloud around with me. I also suffer with a bad back, so the massage on the chair makes it feel better."

"I had neglected my garden before but I'm always out there. I also help out at a day centre with Age UK and go to a ladies' club every two weeks."

"I would say give it a try, it can't do any harm. It will make you feel so much more positive about yourself."

she was going to do it for me. Only I can make that decision to eat sensibly – to go down the right road, not eat loads of sweets and all the naughty things. In the morning I just have porridge, a sandwich at midday and a healthy meal and vegetables at night. The quantity has gone down. Before, my goodness me, I'd have fry-ups and loads of cakes and biscuits all day long. Now, I might still have a bacon sandwich but I'll grill it."

Angie did approach her GP to ask about weight-loss surgery but there were concerns about her age – and a lack of funding for the procedure in Shropshire.

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WITH Christmas fast approaching, groups in Oswestry are being urged to take part in one of the town's most spectacular festive events.

The Oswestry Christmas Parade is taking place on Saturday, December 5, once again organised by the Oswestry Borderland Rotary Club.

Procession co-ordinator Jonathan Jones said: "The parade is now a well established event in the Oswestry calendar, supported by a fantastic num-

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ber of local businesses and community organisations - last year over 60.

"This year, we would like to have the same if not more floats taking part." Mr Jones said the group would be delighted to hear from organisations and businesses happy to support the event by entering a vehicular or walking display or float. He added: "Judging of the vehicular floats will take place at 10.15am at the new Smithfield cattle market, and of the walking floats in Victoria Road.

"The procession is scheduled to commence at 11am from Victoria Road/Lower Brook Street, below the traffic lights." Mr Jones said all entries must have been subjected to a risk assessment. He added: "This is to ensure the safety of all concerned - those in the procession and the general public. In addition, it is vital that your vehicle is properly insured and legal for the purpose on parade day, as we can accept no responsibility for any damage or injury to either you or your form of transport." For more information contact 017919 403355 or jonathan.jones@virgin.net

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Plenty of ways to enjoy the festive countdown



Powis Castle will be one of several venues in the region where people can get into the festive spirit

AS the countdown to Christmas continues, there are plenty of ways to get into the seasonal spirit in the Oswestry and Welshpool area this festive season.

Father Christmas will be popping up at various events in the coming weeks to give youngsters a festive treat.

Santa Claus will be meeting youngsters in the spectacular setting of

Powis Castle at Welshpool over the four weekends leading up to the big day.

Meanwhile, Father Christmas will also be making appearances on the Cambrian Heritage Railways' Santa Specials. The festive train services will run at the group's Oswestry base on December 5, 12 and 19 this year while similar services will also run at the group's base at Llynclys on December 6, 13 and 20.

Visitors ride the Santa Special train and then visit Santa in his grotto.

There will be festive food and mulled wine while there will be a present for every child. For more information visit www.cambrianrailways.com.

Oswestry Town Council is doing its best to get everyone in the festive spirit. The town's Christmas lights were due to be switched on today (Thursday) with a celebration on the Bailey Head. And the council's Christmas Live event will take place on December 4, including fairground rides, an ice rink, a music stage, a Christmas market and fireworks.

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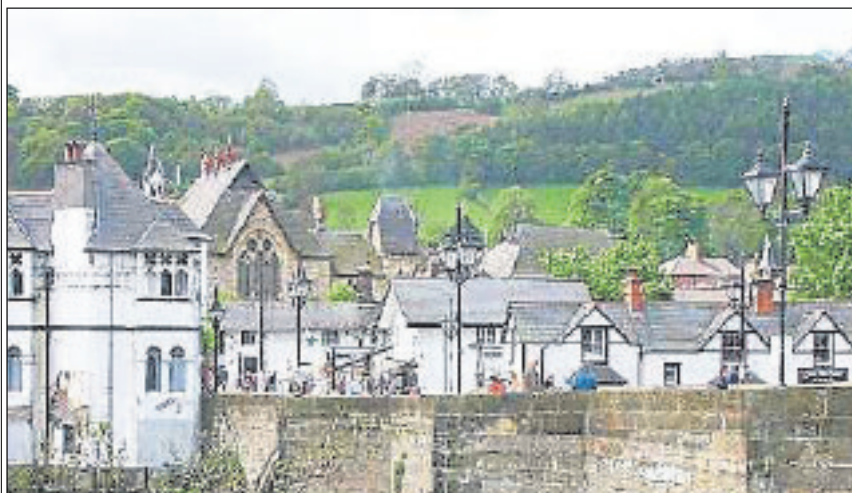
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Christmas time is always a special time in the tourist town of Llangollen

THERE is a great community spirit in the picturesque town of Llangollen all the year round, but no more so than during the Christmas season.

That community spirit is demonstrated in how the local residents get behind many of the town's big events.

The next big event for the town is Llangollen Christmas Festival.

The Christmas festival takes place in and around the town on the last Saturday of November.

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It is organised by a group of volunteers under the auspices of Llangollen Town Council.

All proceeds are donated to local charities.

The festivities begin with a parade through the town.

There are then plenty of events and entertainment in and around the town until the Christmas lights are switched on in the late afternoon.

This year the festival will be on Saturday, November 28. The parade be-

gins at 1pm and the Christmas lights will be turned on at 5pm followed by fireworks.

In Wales, Father Christmas is often known as Sion Corn (Chimney Jack) and visitors may be surprised to see he is wearing a green outfit instead of the more usual red one.

Sion Corn's grotto will be in the town hall from 1.30pm to 4.30pm on November 28.

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Metal is back for winter and ready to rock

METAL is ready to rock this season, with gold, copper and silver being the hot decor choices.

Metals are weaving their magic throughout our homes, with glittering gold, blushing copper, beautiful bronze and even cooler touches of white gold or silver mak-

ing their mark during the coming season.

Shiny pieces can be sourced for every room. It's all about putting on the glitz and ramping up the glamour as we lavish ever more care and attention on rooms, and create cossetting sanctuaries where we can relax and entertain in style.

"I'm secretly a fan of a bit of bling, which doesn't have to be confined to Christmas baubles!" says designer Clarissa Hulse.

"In fact, I regard metallics as another neutral shade, as they harmonise with so many colours. Combine them with different textures, such as sheers, velvets and linens

- one of my favourites this season is an antique gold metallic linen - and they'll add another dimension to your scheme.

"Metallic wallpaper can be particularly effective as it will reflect the light and add drama, especially in a dark room, or brighten a neutral space with pops of contrasting

colour and soft metallic accessories," she adds.

So if you're really mad for metallics, try putting something like this gold-painted unit in front of a wall decorated with the Quill wallpaper, in gold, priced at £20 a roll from Graham & Brown.

Join interior design 'gold rush'

By Gabrielle Fagan

BE bold and don't miss out on metallics, which are really making their mark this season.

You can join the gold rush, seek out silver, or maybe covet copper, which is being hailed as the 'new black'.

RAISE THE BAR

Shake up your style and invest in a cocktail cabinet, gilded of course, an item which is rapidly becoming a must-have for fashionable homes.

"There's a real return to luxury – the growing use of burnished metals is part of that trend – and more lavish entertaining which has inspired a revival of cocktail cabinets," says Alison Cork, founder of online interiors company Within.

"Two of my favourite pieces at home are my gold cocktail cabinet, which has a cartoon Dalmatian dog painted on one door and a shocking pink interior, and I complement it with a golden metal pineapple ornament. They both inject a party spirit to the room."

HOT METAL: Mirror and polished brass make a stunning combination and they combine in the Delphine Mirrored Bar with polished brass base, £2,995, by designer Jonathan Adler. John Lewis' Jeeves Drinks Cabinet by Hudson Living, £999, is just as handsome and is hand-gilded in silver. If these costs leave you reaching for a strong drink, Oliver Bonas' Luxe Drinks Trolley is £350.

Bond favours a Martini, shaken not stirred, but whatever drink you're mixing, you need the right kit. House of Fraser's Casa Couture Copper Cocktail Shaker and Copper Cocktail Tool Gift Set are both currently reduced from £30 to £24 each.

For a touch of Downton-style Lord of the Manor living, pop icecubes into a silver Stag Ice Bucket, £135, Kenneth Turner, or a Copper Hammered Champagne Bucket, £38, from Oliver Bonas.



Delphine antiqued mirrored bar, £2,995, Jonathan Adler



Venetian blind, in Electrum from £101, from Timberlux



The Tranquil wallpaper, £20 a roll, from Graham and Brown

COPPER CRUSH

Copper is the new black when it comes to decor and no room is complete without at least one accessory in this metal, whose colour evokes the burnished gold and brown shades of autumn leaves.

"Over the past year, we've seen classic metallic finishes, such as chrome and stainless steel, take a backseat as other richer metals have crept into the spotlight," says Laura Pagan, founder of Pagazzi Lighting.

"Warmer and more inviting than cool steel, but less audacious than full-on gold, copper is the perfect material for adding a touch of rustic glamour to living spaces. It contrasts well with raw natural materials, such as leather

and wood, or place it next to greys, khakis and warm blush tones, to create a luxurious and calming colour palette."

HOT METAL: Graham & Brown has super-shimmering metallic wallpapers for a glamorous setting, including Tranquil, which comes in copper, gold or silver, £20 a roll.

Pay a nod to the trend with beautiful accessories, such as Christiane Lemieux's Copper Bowls, currently reduced from £40 to £32 for a set of two, House of Fraser. Next has a 16 Piece Copper Effect Cutlery Set, £32, that could be just the right finishing touch for a festive table. Copper lights are particularly striking and Pagazzi has a Hammered Pendant Ceiling Light in Copper, £69. Create a warm glow with a

Wendell Table Lamp, £69, Dar Lighting, whose base is copper-plated and whose black shade has a copper-coloured interior.

MIDAS TOUCH

Golden rules are meant to be followed and you surely won't go wrong if you follow a gilded, glittering theme, because gold is a strong feature in all the home collections for next year.

"Gold and tones of gold are being used everywhere in the design world, as metallics continue to add that little touch of glamour to our interiors," says Rebecca Williamson, senior colour design and content manager at Dulux.

"It's a recurring colour and material at design fairs and in graphic design, as well as

in architecture, fashion, beauty and interior decoration. We feel that Cherished Gold is a beautiful next step, a natural evolution and transition from Copper Blush, our choice for last year.

"The shade combines naturally with a variety of shades including tan, dark chocolate and duck egg blue, and creates an industrial edge, or – paired with blush pinks – conjures a more feminine atmosphere."

HOT METAL: Gold paint needn't be reserved for Bond girls – be on trend and paint a feature wall in Cherished Gold, matt emulsion, 2.5 litres, £24.49, Dulux. Crown Paint has a metallics range with Millionaire (gold) and Sophistication (silver), from £18.42.

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Acoustic Boutique has enjoyed great success since its champagne opening

A SHREWSBURY shop is marking its first anniversary this month, with staff and customers celebrating a very successful year.

Acoustic Boutique opened the doors to its new retail premises in Shrewsbury's Square 12 months ago and has seen busi-

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ness grow during the year, with around 1,000 customers come through its doors. "We have really loved our first year in Shrewsbury – it has been a great experience, with The Square evolving into a really thriving retail and restaurant destination in the town," said David Whittaker of Acoustic Boutique. "We have received lots of support from local

business people and customers and are looking forward to a busy festive season and another successful 12 months of trading." Launched to fill a gap in the market for quality, affordable home audio and home cinema solutions, the venture has proved to have a winning formula. David said: "Whilst internet shopping has its benefits, nothing can compare to visiting an independent retailer which is staffed by a friendly team. "Our customers enjoy hearing music from

a sound system before they buy and having expert advice given by our enthusiastic and knowledgeable staff. "And if you are looking for Christmas presents for music lovers, then this year the choice is endless and impressive. "We have just taken delivery of a fantastic range of new season products from market-leader Bose, including headphones, Bluetooth speakers, soundbars and wifi speakers.

"In addition, we have added a new brand to our range, Vifa, a Scandinavian brand which offers an attractive, portable Bluetooth speaker in a range of colours. "And if customers are confused by all the latest technology around at the moment we are here to guide them through it all and help to ensure they get the right product for their particular needs. "This kind of personal service and back-up is one of the many benefits of buying locally."

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Detached family home in a popular location

Orchard House, Maesbury Marsh is a five bedroom detached family home that was built six years ago in a popular village location. It is for sale through Woodhead Sales & Lettings at £379,950.

Having enviable surrounding views of the open countryside, there are three reception rooms, a utility room, a downstairs WC, oil central heating, UPVC double glazing, double

garage, off road parking and front and rear gardens. The entrance hall has under-floor heating and stairs off. The living room has under-floor heating, as does the dining room, which also has French doors out to a decked area and is currently used as a study. There is a further study with under-floor heating and a WC. The kitchen/breakfast room has granite

working surfaces, a ring ring induction hob and extractor over and a double oven and tiled flooring with under-floor heating. There is also a conservatory with French doors to the garden, a utility, five bedrooms (two with en-suite shower rooms) and a bathroom. For further information contact Woodhead Sales and Lettings on 01691 680044 or visit www.woodheadsalesandlettings.com



Attractive Victorian home is handy for shopping area

An attractive Victorian end-of-terrace house with loft room, 16 Vyrnwy Road, Oswestry is on the market through JJ Dell & Co for offers over £124,950. The property is within walking distance of Oswestry's shopping centre. Accommodation comprises two reception rooms, dining kitchen, two bedrooms, modern bathroom and loft. There is a rear garden. The property is within walking distance of Woodside Primary School. Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.



Fine detached bungalow sits on the outskirts of popular village

A fine detached bungalow on the outskirts of a village, Oakdene, Oak Farm Lane, West Felton can be found down a quiet country lane. Set well back from the road and approached over a tarmac driveway with ample parking, it is for sale through JJ Dell & Co at £269,500. It has a porch and entrance hall, living room, a modern fitted kitchen, three bedrooms and a shower room. The front garden has a lawn and an ornamental pool and the private rear garden has a lawn. For further information contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 or visit www.jjdell.co.uk



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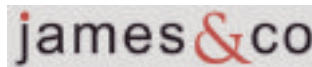
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Four-bedroom property has period features throughout

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With no chain, Minford is a deceptively spacious semi-detached house located in the heart of the Ceiriog Valley in the picturesque and sought after village of Llanarmon DC. It is on the market with Town & Country and offers are in excess of £135,000. The property boasts three bedrooms, modern bathroom and attractive kitchen with an extensive range of units and breakfast/eating area. The property has a light and spacious feel and takes in much of the surrounding countryside. For more details contact Town & Country on 01691 679631.

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Delightful family home has amazing views

Dyffryn at Llwyn Y Garth, Llanfyllin, is on the market through Halls for £275,000. The property comprises a delightful detached two storey family home of brick construction with part stone elevation on a desirable low density residential development on the outskirts of the popular rural town of Llanfyllin. There is gas fired central heating and full double glazing. The property benefits from generous adaptable family accommodation on a good sized plot with amazing views. For more information contact Halls on 01938 555552.

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Georgian town house has rooms over three floors

Talbot House is an attractive Grade II-listed Georgian town house in the centre of Ellesmere. It is for sale through Balfours at £350,000. Downstairs there is an entrance hall, kitchen, dining room, boot room/back hall, sitting room, utility and store room. On the first floor, there is the large master bedroom which has a period fireplace, a further bedroom and the family bathroom. On the second floor there are three bedrooms. Outside, but attached to the house, are some outhouses which are currently used as a utility and a log store. There is a driveway and a garage. Contact Balfours on 01743 353511 or visit www.balfours.co.uk

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- 4 further Bedrooms (1 with En-Suite)
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Four-bedroom home within walking distance of facilities

An excellent four-bedroomed spacious family house, 8 Sycamore Close, St Martins, backs on to open countryside within walking distance of the local facilities. It has a guide price of £199,950, there is no chain and it is being sold through JJ Dell & Co. Accommodation comprises two reception rooms, breakfast kitchen, cloakroom, four double bedrooms, bathroom and ensuite and there is a large garage and private rear garden and patio. Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212 for details.



Bungalow in attractive location overlooking village

A fine detached bungalow, Uplands, Old Post Office Lane, Trefonen near Oswestry, is on the market through JJ Dell & Co with a guide price of £239,950. There is no chain and the property occupies an attractive position overlooking the village towards the Shropshire Plain within a short distance of the village amenities. The property benefits from central heating and double glazing. The accommodation comprises a kitchen, dining room, lounge, three double bedrooms, bathroom, ensuite and utility. There is a good size garden plot, a veranda and a garage. Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212 for more details.



Beautifully presented property in popular village

A beautifully presented three bedroom detached family home, 32 Llwyn Perthi, Arddleen, is on the market through Halls for £185,000. The property is on a good-sized plot on a small residential estate. It benefits from oil-fired central heating and double glazing, and comprises an entrance hall with doors off to a cloakroom, lounge with bay window, and the open-plan kitchen/breakfast room with utility room off. Upstairs there is a master bedroom with en-suite shower room, two further bedrooms and a family bathroom. More information from Halls on 01938 555552.





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One of two new build properties in the heart of The Ceiriog Valley, Plot 1 New Houses, Dolywern, is for sale through Town & Country at £279,950. The property comprises an entrance hallway with a staircase off, a kitchen/breakfast room a good sized living room and a separate dining room with French doors out to a patio. There is an utility, four bedrooms, master en suite, and a family bathroom. Each property has its own detached single garage with driveway providing parking for several cars and good sized rear gardens. For further information contact Town & Country on 01691 679631 or visit www.townandcountryoswestry.com

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The property also has a dining room, a kitchen and French doors out to the rear garden.

There is also a utility room, bedroom five/study, a WC, a master bedroom with countryside views and an en suite, three further bedrooms and a bathroom.

For further information contact Woodhead Sales and Lettings on 01691 680044 or visit www.woodheadstates.com



Property sits on edge of village

Rectory Coach House and Cottage in Threadneedle Street, West Felton includes a four-bedroomed converted coach house.

The property also includes a self-contained detached two-bedroomed stone cottage.

It is for sale through Halls Estate Agents at £645,000.

Having a recently built triple garage and front and rear gardens the main building is set around an attractive cobbled courtyard. The property, which is full of character, is situated in a quiet and mature area on the edge of the village of West Felton. For further information contact Halls Estate Agents on 01691 670320 or visit www.hallsgb.com

West Felton is a popular residential village situated some four miles from the market town of Oswestry. The village enjoys a shop, post office, primary school, public house, church and village hall all which go to serve the village's day to day needs.



Police forces hit back at claims over big wages



A photograph of a brown trout resting on a rocky riverbed. The fish has a yellowish-brown body with numerous dark spots and a lighter, almost white, underbelly. It is positioned horizontally, facing right, with its head slightly raised. The background is a shallow, clear stream with greenish water and visible rocks.

Some of Ben's paintings can be seen in Callaghan's Gallery, Shrewsbury.

Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner Christopher Salmon added: "Spending wisely is one of my priorities."





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The saga of fountain remains to this day



Burway Corner, Church Stretton

HAVING told the tale of the memorial fountain in Broseley recently, let's turn our attention to another Shropshire town which was given a drinking fountain by the Victorians, although the legacy was to prove double edged.

Church Stretton's fountain commemorated the golden jubilee of Queen Victoria's reign, and was unveiled on June 21, 1887, by Caroline Benson, wife of Ralph Beaumont Benson, of Lutwyche Hall, who gave the original site for it.

And that was the start of a saga which continues in Church Stretton to this day.

The fountain was taken down in the 1960s, and from time to time since then there have been proposals to re-erect it, or rather what's left of it.

Because over the years, bits have gone missing.

In the past it has been suggested that some parts found their way into the private gardens of some of the larger houses in Church Stretton, although in fairness, a search drew a blank.

Of the base, there will be nothing to be found, as this was smashed up at the time the fountain was taken down. Other bits were stored in the yard behind the council offices in Beaumont Road, and then when the buildings were demolished, pieces were dumped under a hedge in the Greenhills Cemetery, where they remained forgotten for many years until rediscovered by Tony Crowe and Councillor Ron Walker.

At least, unlike the demolished and unloved Broseley fountain, parts of the Stretton fountain have survived. Church Stretton's town council has toyed with the idea in recent years of recreating the fountain, perhaps in the park. While it hasn't happened yet, the idea has not been dropped, although obviously it isn't exactly a top priority in these times of straitened finances.

Despite the renewed modern interest, it seems yet another bit has gone missing. Two of those stones have been recovered from the cemetery, but a third has gone walkabout. The surviving stones are now being kept by Bradburn & Son Stone Memorials of Ludlow.

The fountain was originally erected at the top of Sandford Avenue, opposite the Church Stretton Hotel, as it was then. It cost £100, although that did not include the bronze plaque or the land.

Soon the fountain was on the move. In 1901 Mr Benson asked if he could have the site back, if he undertook to find a more suitable place for it.

A newspaper story in November 1905 said it was to be removed as part of alterations "at the top of the town", and presumably it was moved soon after then.

The new spot was in the middle of the road opposite Burway House. An obstacle to traffic, it was bashed at least once. Finally, in 1963, or possibly 1964, it disappeared from the Church Stretton street scene.

The story goes that workmen rolled up in a lorry, took off the top half of it in three sections, and put them in the lorry. What happened to all those cards deposited inside by those Victorian dignitaries? We don't know. In 1978 South Shropshire District Council drew up proposals to resite it outside Windsor Place, a new block of flats for the elderly. At that time it was languishing in a council yard.

The parish council, as it was then, preferred a more visible spot on common land off Burway Road.

Nothing happened. Then in 1981 the district council's retiring technical services officer, Mr Ellis Shaw, "rediscovered" the fountain while preparing to hand over, and the parish council was asked if it wanted the fountain re-erected.

It's over 50 years now since Church Stretton's fountain was taken down. If it is ever to be re-erected, better hurry up, because at the rate it's been disappearing, there will soon be nothing left.



The Grove School around the time of its opening in 1957



Adrian, front, middle, with some classmates, but he cannot remember any of their names. As leaves are on the trees in the background, the photo must date from the autumn term of 1957 as he was only there that term and the spring term of 1958, when the trees would not have been in leaf.

School photo full of memories for Adrian

HE was only a young lad, and his time at The Grove was relatively fleeting, but Adrian Darrant was a pioneer pupil.

A photo we used a short while ago showing the Grove School in Market Drayton when it was brand new was the stuff of memories for Adrian, who has just turned 70.

Because he was in the very first intake in 1957. "I was only there for two terms, as it happens. My father, George James Darrant, was in the RAF and in the Easter of 1958 we moved to Stafford.

"I was in the secondary modern for a short while when it was at the town centre, just before it moved. Then we all moved up to The Grove. I'm convinced it was in September 1957.

"I did two terms there. I do have some nice memories. I was only 11, or coming up 12. I can particularly remember one teacher. I could make head nor tail of algebra, and this teacher took so much time one lunchtime with me that I fell in love with algebra. It was a gentleman, but I can't remember a single teacher's name.

"We moved around a lot in the RAF and before I finished school at 18 I had been to 13 different schools. I started school, would you believe, in Egypt. My father had a posting there in the early 1950s. He ended up in the RAF as a chief technician doing maintenance work."

At the time that Adrian, who lives in Wheaton Aston, was at The Grove, his father was at RAF Tern Hill.

"We lived at Buntingsdale. I know that when I was at school there was a set of twins, whose surname was Williams. Their father owned a garage in Market Drayton. I would love to know what happened to them. I can't think of their first names. They were a girl and a boy. The garage was on the same side of the road as the school and was near the centre of Market Drayton. It was called Williams' Garage and I have passed it since and it is not a garage any more, nor does it have the name Williams on it. My own daughter who lives with us has two year old twins." He has a couple of early snaps to bring back memories.

"I have a photograph of about seven or eight of my classmates, but as far as I can tell these twins are not on that. The other photograph is of me outside one of the new one storey buildings. The other one is taken in the school field. Who took it and why they took just a few of us, I don't really know. It

MEMORY LANE

By Toby Neal

was not a casual photograph - we were all posing for it.

"I called in at The Grove about three or four months ago. We were just driving around with these twins of ours and called in at Market Drayton. I thought I will knock on the door of the school. The lady secretary was telling me how they were going to have this 50th celebration. I said at the time that it can't be 50 years as I know I was there in 1957. Between the two of us we worked out that what they meant was a 50th celebration of it becoming a comprehensive school. When I was there it was a secondary modern. It will be coming up to its 60th birthday in 2017."

Adrian, a retired teacher, said: "I was so impressed as a young boy with the huge school fields we had.

"It was wonderful going to a brand new school. I have kept all my school reports all my life but have a gap, and would you believe, it's the two terms I spent at The Grove. I have the three terms prior to that at the old school in Market Drayton, but the autumn terms and spring terms I was at The Grove I haven't got those and never will now. The names of my form teachers as we were about to move to the new school were somebody Ford and somebody King, and I can only assume they moved with us."

As to the site of the school before it moved to The Grove, he says: "If you are coming along the A53, in those days it went straight through the middle of Market Drayton. There's a bypass now. If you are going into Market Drayton, avoiding the bypass, before you get to the town centre, the building is still there on the left hand side. It's quite an old building now. That was the secondary modern school. I don't know what it is now. It might well be a primary school now.

"Because we were out of the county in Canada when the 11-plus was taken, I never took it. When we came back and started at The Grove they also used to do an exam called the 13-plus. I passed that. That would have taken me to the technical school in Shrewsbury. But we moved to Staffordshire where they wouldn't accept that as a qualification and I had to go to the secondary school there."

Incidentally if those twins, or anybody else who remembers Adrian, wants to contact him, he's at adarrant@yahoo.co.uk



Young Adrian in front of one of the brand new school buildings

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Drivers lined up to take part in the rally



Daphne Carkeet-James, Annabel Smith and Carole Smith



Isaac Morgan looks forward to the rally fun



Jamie Barnes and Rob Finley supported the rally at Chirk Castle on Saturday

Rally thrills and spills at castle

THOUSANDS of people braved pouring rain and mud to enjoy Wales Rally GB's RallyFest in the historic grounds of Chirk Castle.

It was a day of wellies and waterproofs as spectators from across Britain and beyond arrived on the Shropshire border for the event on Saturday.

The stage has become a popular Wales Rally GB fixture – the final round of the FIA World Rally Championship.

Designed as a high-octane, family-friendly day out, the RallyFest lived up to its boast of having something for all ages, spectators said.

The entertainment got under way with competitors in the Network Q WRGB National Rally blasting their way around the slippery parkland roads, surface water from the rain adding to the problems for drivers. There were special parades and displays featuring historic rally cars including former Colin McRae rally machinery, exotic supercars, rally cars from past generations, Supermoto races and a stunt show from 22-time world record holder Terry Grant.

The highlight, though, were the World Cham-

Report by Sue Austin

pionship contenders taking part in a special rally stage. Three generations of one Telford family travelled to Chirk, the event being a birthday present for 64-year-old Brian Durns from Broseley.

"I love rallying," he said. "It's the noise of the engines that do it for me and the closeness of the cars."

With him were wife, Hilary, daughter Julie Langford and husband Ian from Aqueduct and their daughters, 15-year-old Rebecca and 13-year-old Gemma as well as 15-year-old Lewis Holliday.

Mr Langford said: "It's great having this event in Chirk. It is so accessible for people from Shropshire. We will certainly be coming back."

Leaving the men at home, Carole Smith, her six-year-old daughter Annabel and friend, Daphne Carkeet-James, enjoyed a girls' day out at the RallyFest. Carole, from St Martins, said: "I was taken to rallies from a little girl and spend my childhood in the forests watching the rally cars. To have something like this that is so family friendly is wonderful."



Chirk Castle provided a great backdrop for the rally fun



Top drivers from around the world took part in the event



Rally fans flocked to the race action at Chirk Castle



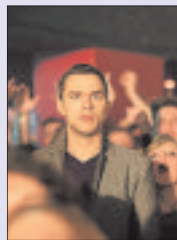
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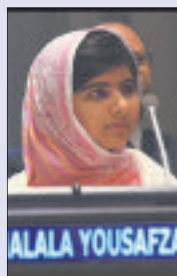
Love triangle – 8/10
Ellis Lacey (Saoirse Ronan) is a shrinking violet in Ennisecorby but secures a one-way ticket to a brighter future in New York. She also sparks a tender romance with a handsome plumber called Tony. The lovebirds marry in secret, but when Ellis returns home to Ennisecorby, local boy Jim Farrell unexpectedly turns her head and makes her hanker for small-town life.

KILL YOUR FRIENDS (18)



Murder on dancefloor – 7/10
The year is 1997 and Steven Stelfox (Nicholas Hoult) is a scheming A&R junior at the London-based Unigram Records. When Steven loses out on promotion he decides to kill his new boss. The untimely death piques the curiosity of a music-obsessed police detective. Flashes of stomach-churning violence merit the film's 18 certificate.

HE NAMED ME MALALA (PG)



Fly on the wall – 9/10
Davis Guggenheim's inspirational documentary is a glowing tribute to 18-year-old Pakistani activist and Nobel Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai, who famously survived an assassination attempt by Taliban gunmen. Many images stir the soul, not least Jason Carpenter's gorgeous animated sequences which bookmark this affectionate biography.

SPECTRE (15)



Mixed reviews – 6/10
A cryptic message reveals ghosts from Bond's past and 007 (Daniel Craig) follows a chain of evidence that leads to Dr Madeleine Swann (Lea Seydoux), daughter of fugitive Mr White (Jesper Christensen). Bond criss-crosses the globe in his Aston Martin DB10 and infiltrates a menacing organisation named SPECTRE, fronted by the enigmatic Franz Oberhauser (Christoph Waltz).

Lady becomes a tramp

Review by Damon Smith

TEASINGLY billed as "a mostly true story", *The Lady In The Van* is an entertaining screen adaptation of Alan Bennett's award-winning 1999 play, based on his experiences of a sharp-tongued vagrant called Miss Shepherd, who camped outside his driveway for more than 15 years.

The playwright has lovingly adapted his stage work, employing the same cute theatrical device of the real Alan and an internal self, who endlessly pontificate on the tramp's shady past as they mooch about a north London home.

"Writing is talking to oneself and I've been doing it all my life," quips the real Alan to neatly explain the duelling on-screen narrators, both played with warmth and wit by Alex Jennings.

Dame Maggie Smith reprises her eye-catching stage role as the eponymous and fragrant tramp, unleashing an array of withering put-downs that would surely have her imperious Dowager in Downton Abbey

clucking with approval.

It's a tour-de-force performance from the national treasure, tinged with pathos and regret, which reminds us that Smith is a gifted physical comedian as well as a twinkly-eyed sniper with a sardonic one-liner.

Alan (Jennings) moves into a house in Camden and is befriended by well-to-do neighbours including opera fans Rufus (Roger Allam) and Pauline (Deborah



From *Lady of the Manor* to *Lady in the Van* for Dame Maggie Smith, who stars alongside Alan Jennings

Findlay), who live opposite, and statuesque Ursula Vaughan Williams (Frances de la Tour). Soon after, a cantankerous woman called Miss Shepherd (Smith) settles in their street in her ramshackle vehicle and bullies Alan into pushing her transport, when it refuses to start during a downpour.

"You wouldn't see Harold Pinter pushing vans down the street!" Alan berates himself. When council bureaucracy threatens the

old woman's future, the playwright foolishly agrees to let her take up temporary residence on his driveway for a few weeks.

Months turn into years and the playwright despairs as he becomes Miss Shepherd's guardian and suffers regular visits from interfering social services worker Miss Briscoe (Cecilia Noble).

When a police officer called Underwood (Jim Broadbent) begins to harass the old

woman late at night, Alan speculates about her former life.

Meanwhile, Miss Shepherd seeks forgiveness for unspoken sins in the confessional of the local priest (Dermot Crowley). "Absolution is not like a bus pass," the holy man tenderly proclaims. "It does not run out."

The *Lady In The Van* is an amusing and heart-warming tonic for these cold winter months.

Book reviews

YOU HAD TO BE THERE!

By Richard Houghton
Published by Gottahavebooks

Reading these memories of the Rolling Stones' 1960s concerts, from their beginnings, to super stardom, you get a sense of what a buzzing and vibrant time it was. There was a musical explosion and everyone could join the resulting party. At the start, the Stones were just another of a large number of groups – nobody called them bands then – on the scene.

Houghton works through the Stones' gigs chronologically from 1962, charting their rise and tapping into the



memories of over 500 people who were there to see them. The journey includes two Stones concerts in Shrewsbury. This is a slice of social history, capturing the flavour of the time.

By Toby Neal

SEX & DRUGS & SAUSAGE ROLLS

By Graham Garrett and Cat Black
Published by Face

Former rock star Graham Garrett earned his spurs as a stadium-filling rock star. He was the drummer with rock bands Dumb Blondes, Panache and Ya Ya and travelled the world. And then he decided to become a chef. He was 31. He worked with Michelin-starred greats, cooked at 10 Downing Street and the Queen before buying The West House, in Kent, and winning a Michelin star of his own in 2004.

His cookbook is a combination of autobiography and recipe. There are signature dishes that



he has created at his much-loved restaurant and all are beautifully photographed.

The design is breathtaking, with punk-ish ticker tape-style fonts. This book is a delight.

By Andy Richardson

NO PICNIC FOR SAM

By Roderick Shaw
Published by Heddon

It's a rare occasion when an adult and a child can read the same book with equal enjoyment. Shaw's story is one such example and deserves its place on the family bookshelves. Nicely written, and easily readable, it tells of the Tait family who move into an old house in a Shropshire village – Shaw,



incidentally, is from Shrewsbury – intending to turn it into a real family home. On their first night in the house father, Alan, sees a man with a dog staring at the house. He is surprised when they fade and disappear, and

astonished when he learns that his daughter has seen them as well. The family make new friends with the villagers who know the history of the place, remember the former inhabitants.

By Sally Bunn

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Tours give visitors a taste of life behind bars



The Dana jail in Shrewsbury has many tales to tell

Prison visits give a taste of life in custody

A VISIT to an old prison may not be every one's choice of a good day or evening out – but plenty of people have been swarming to Shrewsbury's Dana Jail to get a taste of life in custody.

The Dana has been open to the public for just a matter of months but during that time a wide range of activities, events and tours has been introduced.

Day tours, night tours, ghost hunting, private bookings, paint balling and zombie runs have all happened since opening, with more than 6,000 people visiting the site.

The team at Jailhouse Tours are now preparing for the festive season, with guided tours currently available up until December 31.

During November the finishing touches are being added to the jail's 'Tunnel Tours' which will enable people to explore both the old Georgian prison lying beneath the existing Victorian buildings, as well as the attics and chimneys at the top of the structure.

So if history, caving and climbing is your thing these tours are not to be missed. The tours give visitors a chance to find out what really happens behind closed doors at an old jail.

The guided tours give the opportunity to view this historic building and learn more about its history dating back to 1793.

Jailhouse Tours conducts daily guided tours of Shrewsbury prison in small groups, maximum of 30 people, which allows people to experience first-hand what life in a prison would have been like. Each tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and is run by a guide with extensive knowledge of the prison site, and its history. Once inside visitors will get to experience what it would have been like as a prisoner entering The Dana for the first time, processing through induction before heading out to the wings and into the general population.

People get to tour areas never visited by the public before, learn about the prison's history, its inmates, daily life, visitation, prison work and discover more about The

SPECIAL REPORT

By Sue Austin

Dana's grisly history with executions. Throughout the tour people can ask questions of the guides and hear stories from the original prison days through to modern times. Visitors will be given the chance to have a 'Closed Cell' experience which involves entering cells and having the doors closed behind them, to fully experience what it would have been like for a prisoner.

For the more adventurous visitors, there is a chance to take part in a prison break or escape.

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Prisoners will then change into their prison clothes and get locked in their cells, from here the challenge begins.

Prisoners have the day to attempt to escape, the first challenge will be getting out of your cell.

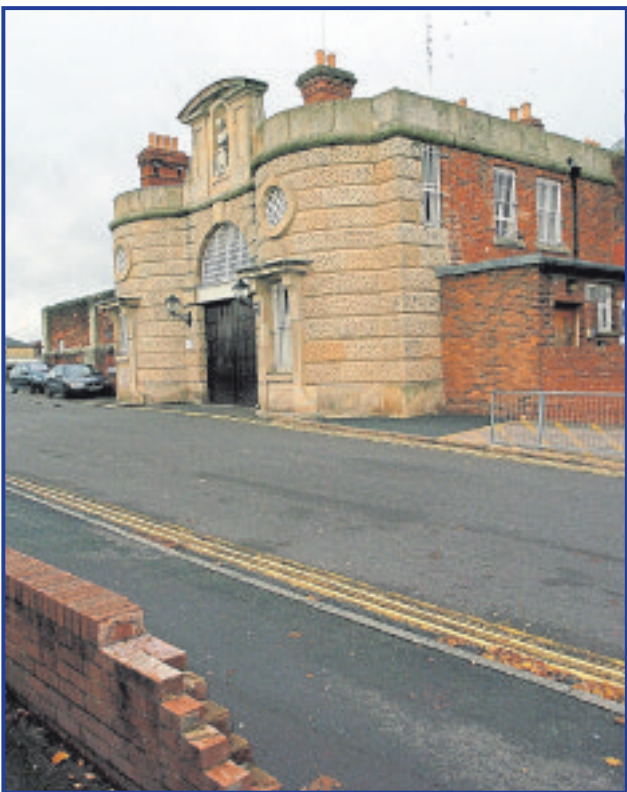
If they managed this they will then have to navigate around the site, avoiding officers and any prisoners who might 'grass them up'.

Visitors need to use all of your cunning to decide which is the best route out of the prison site and timing will be the key to success.

Go too early and you will get spotted, go too late and another prisoner may beat you to the finish.

The event has a maximum participation limit and will involve actors playing prison guards, wardens and other prisoners.

People can book tours and find out more information about the special packages via Jailhouse Tour's website or over the phone on (01743) 343100.



The Dana prison in Shrewsbury is now open to tours

Superstar Bryn returning to International Eisteddfod

OPERA superstar Bryn Terfel will return to Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod to help celebrate the event's 70th birthday.

And he will share the bill with a good friend who is also a world class tenor.

The popular bass-baritone will be the star of the evening concert on July 7 next year, alongside Maltese opera colleague Joseph Calleja, whose voice has been compared to the legendary Caruso.

Tickets are on sale now. Acts already confirmed include mezzo soprano Katherine Jenkins, who will perform a concert adaptation of Georges Bizet's opera Carmen on the opening night.

Jools Holland and his Rhythm and Blues Orchestra will bring the curtain down on the festival on July 10.

The Wednesday night concert will be a celebration of musical theatre featuring Kerry Ellis, dubbed the First Lady of the West End, and the musical theatre boy band Collabro who won Britain's Got Talent in 2014.

Terfel, who took to the Llangollen stage to celebrate the Eisteddfod's 60th anniversary as well as starring in Sweeney Todd two years ago, said Llangollen is a unique festival.



"The Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod is a wonderful event and I'm grateful to be given another chance to perform on stage there again – and the fact I will be joined by Joseph Calleja is an absolute dream come true."

Mezzo-soprano Eirlys Myfanwy Davies, will be joining Bryn and Joseph on stage alongside Sinfonia Cymru.

Bryn added: "The Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod is such an important festival and I'm honoured to have been asked to perform at the 70th festival."

"The audience is so knowledgeable and amazing and the dedicated staff and volunteers, who put so much hard work into making the festival the success it is, deserve so much credit."

Experience

"I can't wait to see my good friend Joseph Calleja enjoy the experience of Llangollen."

"I know he will fall in love with the town, festival and the people who make it happen."

"He is reciprocating in a way as I appeared at the wonderful festival Joseph organises every year in a town square in Malta which is attended by around 15,000 people. In fact we have a budding locker room collaboration as we are both booked for a concert in Beirut shortly after Llangollen at the end of July."

To book tickets and for more details on the 2016 festival visit www.international-eisteddfod.co.uk

● Photo – Bryn Terfel

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Pointless Celebrities

6pm

Ed Baines and Paul Rankin team up to battle fellow chefs Tony Singh and Cyrus Todiwala, Jean-Christophe Novelli joins forces with TV cook Jo Pratt and former Great British Bake Off finalist Richard Burr works together with 2015 finalist Frances Quinn, in a 'food and drink' themed edition of the quiz.



The Great Pottery Throw Down

5.30pm

The remaining potters make 10 identical long necked vases using the Raku technique. This Japanese method of firing dates back to the 16th century and requires the contestants to take their red hot vases straight out of the kiln and plunge them into a bin full of combustible materials. Sara Cox hosts.



The X Factor

8pm

Caroline Flack and Olly Murs present as the remaining would-be stars face their fourth live show. With casualties already having occurred, the pressure is continuing to increase for the contestants, who once again take to the stage to perform in front of the judges and the viewing public.



Grand Designs: House of the Year

8pm

Kevin McCloud reveals five more candidates vying to be crowned Riba House of the Year 2015, including a luxurious city home complete with a basement swimming pool, a concrete an brick open-plan house in Liverpool, and a geometric homestead in Northern Ireland.



Football League Tonight

9pm

Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the weekend's top matches. In the Championship, Leeds United hosted manager Steve Evans' former club Rotherham United and Middlesbrough took on Queens Park Rangers. Plus, a round-up of the action from Leagues One and Two.

BBC1

- 6.00 **Breakfast.**
- 10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** Rob Delaney faces his food heaven or hell as James Martin invites chefs Claude Bosi and Anthony Demetre to prepare dishes in the studio. Plus, Susy Atkins with the wine tips.
- 11.30 **Simply Nigella.** A pared-down approach to cuisine. (R)
- 12.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
- 12.10 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker and guests present a look ahead to the weekend's fixtures, including Manchester City v Liverpool. Plus, updates on Watford v Manchester United.
- 12.50 **Saturday Sportsday.** A look ahead at the day's events.
- 1.00 **Bargain Hunt.** Jonathan Pratt and Nick Hall offer advice to two teams of antiques-hunters in Derby, and presenter Tim Wonnacott visits the V&A Museum of Childhood in London. (R)
- 2.00 **Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals.** Sue Barker presents coverage from the semi-finals of the singles competition at the O2 in London, as the group winners and runners-up battle it out.
- 4.30 **Final Score.** Jason Mohammad presents a round-up of this afternoon's results from the Premier League, Football League and Scotland.
- 5.10 **Now You See It.** Mel Giedroyc presents one last selection of clips from the world of magic. Last in the series.
- 5.40 **BBC News.**
- 5.50 **Midlands Today;** Weather.
- 6.00 **Pointless Celebrities.** Ed Baines, Paul Rankin, Tony Singh, Cyrus Todiwala, Jean-Christophe Novelli, Jo Pratt, Richard Burr and Frances Quinn compete in a "food and drink" themed edition of the quiz.
- 6.50 **Strictly Come Dancing.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present live from Blackpool's Tower Ballroom, where the eight remaining pro-celebrity couples once again perform for the judges.
- 8.10 **Doctor Who.** The Doctor, Clara and their old friend Rigby investigate a strange alien world hidden on a street in the heart of London, and once again cross paths with immortal Viking Ashildr.
- 9.00 **Casualty.** Iain dismisses Dixie's concerns about Jess as mere jealousy. Cal panics when baby Matilda develops a rash, and guilt begins to eat away at Lily following Alicia's departure.
- 9.50 **The National Lottery Live.** Ore Oduba presents as the all-important winning numbers are revealed.
- 10.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
- 10.20 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Manchester City v Liverpool at the Etihad Stadium and Watford v Manchester United at Vicarage Road; **National Lottery Update.**
- 11.50 **The Apprentice.** The off duty candidates are interrupted by Lord Sugar, who gives them the challenge of opening a discount store and turning products into profit within two days. (R)
- 12.50 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
- 12.55 **BBC News.**

BBC2

- 6.00 **NFL Highlights.**
- 6.45 **FILM: The Hunchback of Notre Dame (1939).** The deformed bell ringer of Notre Dame cathedral protects a gypsy girl who has been unjustly sentenced to death. Medieval drama, starring Charles Laughton and Maureen O'Hara.
- 8.35 **FILM: Sinbad the Sailor (1947).** The fearless Arabian adventurer sets sail to find the lost treasure of Alexander the Great on a remote island. Swashbuckling adventure, with Douglas Fairbanks Jr and Maureen O'Hara.
- 10.30 **Animal Park.** Elvis the camel meets his new baby sister. (R)
- 11.00 **Ronnie's Animal Crackers.** Ronnie Corbett presents this wry look at people's obsession with pets. (R)
- 11.30 **Ronnie's Animal Crackers.** A breeder introduces her unique French bulldogs. (R)
- 12.00 **My Life on a Plate.** Russell Grant revisits places from his childhood. (R)
- 12.45 **My Life on a Plate.** Alistair McGowan revisits evocative places from his childhood. (R)
- 1.30 **Len and Ainsley's Big Food Adventure.** Ainsley Harriott and Len Goodman go on a culinary road trip. (R)
- 2.15 **Child Stars: Talking Pictures.** Profiles of Hollywood stars who found fame at a young age.
- 2.55 **FILM: In Search of the Castaways (1962).** Children's adventure, starring Hayley Mills.
- 4.30 **Escape to the Continent.** A Nottinghamshire couple hoping to move to Austria. (R)
- 5.30 **The Great Pottery Throw Down.** The remaining potters have to make 10 identical long necked vases. (R)
- 6.30 **Flog It!** Thomas Plant and Anita Manning value postcards and tribal items at Warwick Castle, while Paul Martin gets a behind-the-scenes look at the Royal Shakespeare Company's workshops. (R)
- 7.30 **Great Continental Railway Journeys.** Michael Portillo ventures deep into the Black Forest, and a masterclass in carving cuckoo clocks demonstrates how Germany's reputation for making quality goods was established. (R)
- 8.30 **Dad's Army.** Captain Mainwaring devises a cunning new way of foiling Hitler's invasion plans – but it results in Pike getting trapped in the middle of a minefield. (R)
- 9.00 **QI XL.** An extended edition in which Stephen Fry is joined by Sandi Toksvig, Aisling Bea, Susan Calman and regular panellist Alan Davies to navigate the topic of mathematics.
- 9.45 **FILM: The Help (2011).** An aspiring journalist in 1960s Mississippi creates controversy by giving black servants the chance to tell their stories. Drama, starring Emma Stone and Viola Davis.
- 12.05 **FILM: The Painted Veil (2006).** An English doctor in 1920s China takes his unfaithful wife on a dangerous journey to a remote village ravaged by disease. Period drama, starring Edward Norton and Naomi Watts.
- 2.00 **This Is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

ITV

- 6.00 **CITV: Bottom Knockor Street 6.10 Bottom Knockor Street 6.25 Bottom Knockor Street 6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 6.50 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures 7.00 Signed Stories: Share a Story 7.05 Oddbods 7.10 Sooty 7.25 Super 4 7.40 Adventure Time 8.00 Marvel Avengers Assemble 8.30 Thunderbirds Are Go 9.00 Jessie**
- 9.25 **ITV News.**
- 9.30 **Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica investigates a death in a convent. (R)
- 10.25 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)
- 11.25 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
- 11.40 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)
- 12.40 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)
- 1.45 **Judge Rinder.** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)
- 2.45 **Doc Martin.** The neighbours from hell move in next door to Louisa. (R)
- 3.45 **FILM: Field of Dreams (1989).** A corn farmer hears a mysterious voice inspiring him to create a baseball diamond, which is then visited by the ghost of a former player. Fantasy, with Kevin Costner and Ray Liotta.
- 5.45 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
- 6.00 **ITV News and Weather.**
- 6.15 **Catchphrase.** Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000.
- 7.00 **The Chase: Celebrity Special.** Louise Hazel, Joel Dommett, Sinitta and Les Dennis team up to take part in the quiz show. Presented by Bradley Walsh.
- 8.00 **The X Factor.** Caroline Flack and Olly Murs present as the remaining contestants face their fourth live show, ahead of another tense elimination sing-off tomorrow.
- 9.40 **I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** Ant and Dec catch up with the stranded stars following their first six days in the camp, discovering whether any of them are starting to struggle with the pressures of jungle life.
- 10.40 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** One Direction join Jonathan in the studio to perform two songs and speak about their "extended hiatus" in 2016. Plus, comedian Michael McIntyre joins the boys on the sofa.
- 11.45 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
- 12.00 **Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Peter Andre.** The singer discusses his career and personal life, revealing how he fought depression and his feelings on seeing his children with a boyfriend of Katie Price. First shown in 2011. (R)
- 12.55 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
- 3.00 **Show Me the Telly.** Quiz show, hosted by Richard Bacon. Stars of the small screen pit their wits against members of the public in a game of TV trivia. (R)
- 3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.

Channel 4

- 6.15 **How I Met Your Mother.** (R)
- 6.40 **How I Met Your Mother.** (R)
- 7.05 **Mourne Skyline 2015.**
- 7.30 **The Grid.** Including a profile of NASCAR driver Daniel Suarez.
- 8.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R)
- 8.25 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray discovers he has been duped. (R)
- 9.00 **The Morning Line.** Previewing the day's jump racing at Haydock Park.
- 10.00 **Frasier.** Niles prepares for the demands of fatherhood. (R)
- 10.30 **Frasier.** Martin's favourite bar is set to be demolished. (R)
- 11.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon applies for a one-way mission to colonise Mars.
- 11.30 **The Big Bang Theory.**
- 11.55 **The Big Bang Theory.** Leonard and Sheldon try to meet one of their idols.
- 12.25 **The Simpsons.** Homer and Marge play for a curling team in the Winter Olympics. (R)
- 1.00 **The Simpsons.** Lisa investigates her ancestry. (R)
- 1.30 **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Haydock Park and Ascot.
- 4.00 **Come Dine with Me.** Vicki Fairbrother hosts the first party in East Lancashire. (R)
- 4.25 **Come Dine with Me.** Jenna Tattersall hosts the second dinner party in East Lancashire. (R)
- 5.00 **Come Dine with Me.** Chris Slater hosts the third dinner party in East Lancashire. (R)
- 5.25 **Come Dine with Me.** Chelsea Symcox hosts the fourth party in East Lancashire. (R)
- 6.00 **Come Dine with Me.** Hairdresser Nigel Womack hosts the final dinner party in East Lancashire, and prepares a menu featuring aphrodisiacs before the winner is announced. (R)
- 6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
- 7.00 **The World's Weirdest Weather.** New series. Unusual natural phenomena, including freak hailstorms in the desert, underwater volcanoes that affect the weather on the surface and a forest of rain-carved rock. Previously seen on More4.
- 8.00 **Grand Designs: House of the Year.** Kevin McCloud reveals five more candidates vying to be crowned Riba House of the Year 2015, including a luxurious city home, an open-plan house, and a geometric homestead. (R)
- 9.00 **FILM: Red 2 (2013).** Premiere. An ex-CIA agent reassembles his team of retired operatives to recover an advanced weapon that has gone missing. Action thriller sequel, with Bruce Willis and Helen Mirren.
- 11.20 **TFI Friday.** Chris Evans hosts the lively entertainment show mixing music and chat with stunts and skits, with guests including Stereophonics, Mark Ronson, ELO and Hozier. (R)
- 12.20 **Jimmy Carr: Being Funny.** (R)
- 1.15 **Alan Carr: Chatty Man.** (R)
- 2.10 **Fargo.** (R)
- 3.10 **Hollyoaks.** (R)
- 5.15 **Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites.** (R)
- 5.20 **Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites.** (R)
- 5.25 **Deal or No Deal.** (R)

Channel 5

- 6.00 **Milkshake!** Peppa Pig 6.05 Bananas in Pyjamas 6.20 Bob the Builder 6.30 Ticket To Ride 6.45 Milkshake! Monkey 6.50 Make Way for Noddy 7.00 Paw Patrol 7.10 Little Princess 7.30 Pip Ahoy! 7.45 Blaze and the Monster Machines 8.15 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 8.30 Wanda and the Alien 8.40 Toby's Travelling Circus
- 8.55 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** The Turtles search for Splinter.
- 9.30 **The Saturday Show.** Topical show looking at the week's headlines.
- 11.30 **FILM: My Santa (2013).** Drama, starring Samaira Armstrong.
- 1.10 **FILM: Snowed in at Rosemont (2015).** Premiere. Drama, starring Ayla Kell.
- 3.00 **FILM: Christmas Mall (2010).** Festive romantic comedy, starring Ashley Scott and AJ Buckley.
- 4.50 **FILM: Naughty or Nice (2012).** Premiere. Festive fantasy, starring Hilarie Burton.
- 6.30 **5 News Weekend.**
- 6.35 **Funnist Fails, Fails & Flops.** Comedy clip show featuring pranks gone wrong, unwise acts and failed attempts of misplaced ambition. (R)
- 7.00 **Police Interceptors.** Justin Moffitt and Paul Faulkner chase down a gang of suspected car thieves, while it takes seven officers to stop a violent thief, and a drugs raid turns life-threatening. (R)
- 8.00 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Agents Stewart and Elmore face the most challenging eviction of their careers, while Brian and Del chase £2,000 worth of debt owed by a business based in Kent. (R)
- 9.00 **Football League Tonight.** Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights, including Leeds United v Rotherham United and Middlesbrough v Queens Park Rangers in the Championship.
- 10.25 **Greatest Christmas TV Moments.** Countdown of 50 festive TV highlights, featuring Gavin & Stacey, Morecambe and Wise, Only Fools and Horses, Wallace and Gromit, Doctor Who, Top of the Pops and The Royle Family. (R)
- 1.10 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
- 3.10 **BAMMA: Night of Champions.** MMA action from the Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham, featuring Gavin Strett v Martin Stapleton and Ed Arthur v Shay Walsh. Plus, a full schedule of undercard bouts.
- 5.00 **Chinese Food in Minutes.** Two cheesemongers from Borough Market ask for help to spice up their repertoires. Ching-He Huang obliges with sea bass steamed in wine, a spicy beef dish and hot-and-sour soup. (R)
- 5.15 **Make It Big.** The youngsters must organise a charity auction, to be held in six weeks' time, but the team seems more intent on having fun than working. (R)
- 5.45 **Angels of Jarm.** Otto forges to feed the class guinea pigs. (R)
- 5.50 **Angels of Jarm.** Ellie sets out to help a boy who thinks he is no good at anything. (R)



The Hunt

9pm

Examining the hunting methods of aquatic predators. Blue whales' great size proves useful in their search for krill, while frigate birds have developed a clever means of catching food without having to land on water. Also featuring footage of sharks, sea lions, spinner dolphins, albatross and sargassum fish.



Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals

6pm

Sue Barker presents coverage of the singles final of the season-ending competition from the O2 in London, where Novak Djokovic has been victorious for the last three years. With commentary by Andrew Castle and Tim Henman.



I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!

9pm

Ant and Dec present the celebrity survival challenge, as the famous faces continue their ordeal in the Australian jungle, struggling to complete the tough daily tasks. As the first week draws to a close, a contestant is chosen to face the latest Bushtucker Trial.



Gogglebox

10pm

The nation's favourite armchair critics, including June and Leon, share their opinions on what they have been watching during the week. The programme captures their instant reactions and lively – sometimes emotional – discussions from the comfort of their own homes.



Impractical Jokers US

8.10pm

The guys work in a fast food restaurant and a supermarket, and are challenged to say inappropriate things to the customers. They also have to persuade members of the public to sign a ridiculous petition and have to clean up after dogs in the park. Hidden camera comedy show.

BBC1

- 6.00 **Breakfast.**
- 7.25 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Manchester City v Liverpool at the Etihad Stadium and Watford v Manchester United at Vicarage Road. (R)
- 9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
- 10.00 **Sunday Morning Live.** With Sian Williams.
- 11.00 **Sunday Politics West Midlands.** Presented by Andrew Neil.
- 12.15 **Bargain Hunt.** Tim Wonnacott visits a Jacobean mansion. (R)
- 1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
- 1.15 **Sophia: Suffragette Princess.** A Sikh princess who joined the suffragette movement.
- 1.45 **Homes Under the Hammer.** Featuring properties in London, south Wales and Kent. (R)
- 2.30 **Escape to the Country.** An expat couple try to find a new home in Somerset. (R)
- 3.15 **Eat Well for Less?** Gregg Wallace and Chris Bavin help a Stratford-upon-Avon family cut their shopping bills. (R)
- 4.15 **Songs of Praise.** A scheme to tackle loneliness among old people.
- 4.50 **The Hunt.** The challenges of hunting in a forest. (R)
- 5.50 **BBC News.**
- 6.10 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 6.15 **Countryside.** Matt Baker visits a woodland architecture school, where local trees are used as building materials, and Ellie Harrison meets the members of a very special countrymen's club. Including Weather For The Week Ahead.
- 7.15 **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present last night's results from the Blackpool Tower Ballroom. Plus, a performance from Take That and a look at recent routines in Len's Lens.
- 8.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce presents a show from Walmer Castle in Kent, where the team values a jacket worn by President Kennedy that could be one of the most valuable items on the series.
- 9.00 **The Hunt.** The hunting methods of aquatic predators, that often have to travel vast distances in search of food. Featuring footage of blue whales, frigate birds, sharks and spinner dolphins.
- 10.00 **BBC News.**
- 10.20 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 10.30 **Match of the Day 2.** Tottenham Hotspur v West Ham United. Mark Chapman presents action from the Premier League clash between the London rivals at White Hart Lane.
- 11.15 **Citizen Khan.** Shazia and Amjad find it hard to cope as their baby is struggling to sleep during the night, so Mr Khan books a romantic weekend away for them. (R)
- 11.45 **The Graham Norton Show.** Tom Hanks talks about his role in new Spielberg thriller Bridge of Spies. Plus, banter with comedian David Walliams and Doctor Who star Peter Capaldi. With music by Duran Duran. (R)
- 12.30 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
- 12.35 **BBC News.**

BBC2

- 6.00 **The A to Z of TV Gardening.** (R)
- 6.45 **The Big Allotment Challenge.** The three finalists battle it out to be crowned the winner. Last in the series. (R)
- 7.45 **Countryside.** New farming developments in Somerset. (R)
- 8.45 **An Island Parish: Falklands.** (R)
- 9.15 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** Highlights of the series.
- 10.45 **My Life on a Plate.** (R)
- 11.30 **Len and Ainsley's Big Food Adventure.** (R)
- 12.15 **MOTD2 Extra.** Analysis of yesterday's Premier League fixtures.
- 1.00 **Len and Ainsley's Big Food Adventure.** The pair head to central London, where Len tastes Middle Eastern food. (R)
- 1.45 **FILM: Cimarron (1960).** Western, starring Glenn Ford.
- 4.10 **Flog It!** The team heads for Harlow in Essex to find more valuable antiques. (R)
- 5.00 **Demolition: The Wrecking Crew.** Hull's tallest building is brought down to the ground. Last in the series. (R)
- 6.00 **Live Tennis: ATP World Tour Finals.** Coverage of the singles final of the season-ending competition from the O2 in London, where Novak Djokovic has been victorious for the last three years.
- 7.00 **Robert Peston Goes Shopping.** The BBC News business editor examines the shopping boom of the late 1990s and early 2000s, which was fuelled by cheap credit and a buoyant economy. (R)
- 8.00 **Ireland with Simon Reeve.** Two-part programme exploring the history of both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. In the first episode, Simon tries to climb the sacred mountain of Croagh Patrick.
- 9.00 **The Secret History of the British Garden.** Monty Don visits Croome Castle, Worcestershire, as he turns his attention to the 18th century, when the first landscape gardens were created and a revolution in gardening occurred.
- 10.00 **Family Guy.** Lois books a couple's vacation, but it turns out to be a marriage counselling programme, while Carter is frustrated because the kids are so into their electronics. Last in the series.
- 10.20 **Family Guy.** Peter and his friends try to save the Drunken Clam when the bar's owner dies. Meanwhile, Meg gets a job at a funeral home.
- 10.45 **Family Guy.** The Griffins move to a farm after they are robbed. When the family begins to struggle financially, Peter starts an illicit drug business.
- 11.05 **FILM: All Good Things (2010).** The heir of a wealthy family marries a medical student, but is suspected of murdering her when she disappears without trace. Crime drama, starring Ryan Gosling and Kirsten Dunst.
- 12.40 **Sign Zone: Countryside.** Ellie Harrison reports on new farming developments in Frome, Somerset and samples some of the local produce. (R)
- 1.35 **Sign Zone: Holby City.** (R)
- 2.35 **This is BBC2.**

ITV

- 6.00 **CITV: Bottom Knockers Street 6.10** Bottom Knockers Street **6.25** Bottom Knockers Street **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story **7.05** Oddbods **7.10** Sooty **7.25** Super 4 **7.40** Matt Hatter Chronicles **8.00** Marvel Avengers Assemble **8.30** Fish Hooks **8.45** Fish Hooks **9.00** Jessie
- 9.25 **Murder, She Wrote.** A tycoon is murdered. (R)
- 10.20 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)
- 11.20 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
- 11.25 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)
- 12.30 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)
- 1.35 **The Chase.** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
- 2.30 **The X Factor.** Caroline Flack and Olly Murs present as the remaining contestants face their fourth live show, ahead of another tense elimination sing-off tomorrow. (R)
- 4.15 **FILM: The Mummy (1999).** A soldier of fortune battles the vengeful spirit of an ancient Egyptian high priest who has supernatural powers. Fantasy action adventure, starring Brendan Fraser and Rachel Weisz.
- 6.30 **ITV News Central.**
- 6.45 **ITV News and Weather.**
- 7.00 **Jekyll and Hyde.** Robert and Max investigate a series of murders believed to be the work of a legendary demonic dog – but discover there is a connection between the case and Tenebrae.
- 8.00 **The X Factor.** Caroline Flack and Olly Murs introduce the results of last night's viewers' vote, and the two lowest scoring acts compete in a sing-off to avoid being eliminated from the contest.
- 9.00 **I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** Ant and Dec present the celebrity challenge, as the famous faces continue their ordeal in the Australian jungle and a contestant is chosen to face the next Bushtucker Trial.
- 10.05 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
- 10.20 **FILM: Captain Corelli's Mandolin (2001).** A soldier in the Italian invasion force controlling the Greek island of Kefalonia falls for a local girl. Second World War romantic drama, starring Nicolas Cage and Penelope Cruz.
- 12.40 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
- 3.00 **Motorsport UK.** Action from Silverstone, featuring the Ginetta GT4 Supercup and MSA Formula. Commentary by Richard John Neil.
- 3.50 **ITV Newsbreak.** Text-based information service.
- 5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues. (R)

Channel 4

- 6.15 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** The Barones' TV breaks. (R)
- 6.40 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra prompts Ray to perk up. (R)
- 7.05 **Chasing Perfection.** Part two of two. The factors that produce a champion athlete.
- 8.00 **Frasier.** The shrink offends his listeners. (R)
- 8.30 **Frasier.** The Cranes get involved in local politics. (R)
- 9.00 **Frasier.** Part one of two. The psychologist visits Bora Bora with his new girlfriend. (R)
- 9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With Bill Bailey, Danny Dyer and Joe and Caspar.
- 12.30 **The Simpsons.** Homer tries to smuggle drugs into the country. (R)
- 12.55 **The Simpsons.** Homer choreographs the Super Bowl half-time show. (R)
- 1.25 **FILM: Inkheart (2008).** Fantasy adventure, starring Brendan Fraser.
- 3.30 **FILM: Rio (2011).** Animated comedy, with the voice of Jesse Eisenberg.
- 5.30 **Channel 4 News.**
- 6.00 **Emergency Animal Hospital.** John Barrowman checks up on a poodle with a life-threatening joint condition, a collie having eye surgery, and a cat that needs a radioactive injection for a hormonal illness.
- 7.00 **Restoring Britain's Landmarks.** Following the final push to complete the restoration of St Edward's Presbytery in Ramsgate. Plus, an unusual Martello tower that is battling to stay afloat. Last in the series. (R)
- 8.00 **Building Hitler's Supergun: The Plot to Destroy London.** Hugh Hunt examines how the Nazis built the largest cannon in history during the Second World War, and puts to the test the theory that it could have destroyed London entirely.
- 9.00 **Homeland.** Saul opens up to Allison, and Carrie is reunited with some old friends. Thriller following a team of CIA agents, starring Claire Danes.
- 10.00 **Gogglebox.** Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)
- 11.05 **FILM: Welcome to the Punch (2013).** A detective uncovers a conspiracy while trying to recapture a criminal who escaped him three years previously. Crime thriller, starring James McAvoy and Mark Strong.
- 12.55 **Grand Designs Australia.** A couple plans to build a house clad with water tanks.
- 1.50 **Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners.** Featuring a woman who shares her home with up to 10 dogs. (R)
- 2.50 **Come Dine with Me.** (R)
- 3.15 **Come Dine with Me.** Paul Condliffe hosts the second party in Stoke-on-Trent. (R)
- 3.45 **Come Dine with Me.** (R)
- 4.10 **Come Dine with Me.** Jay Davies hosts the final party in Stoke-on-Trent. (R)
- 4.40 **Food Unwrapped.** (R)
- 5.05 **Location, Location, Location.** House-hunting in the Tyne Valley, near Newcastle. (R)

Channel 5

- 6.00 **Milkshake!** Peppa Pig **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas **6.20** Angelina Ballerina **6.30** Bob the Builder **6.45** Ticket To **6.55** Zack and Quack **7.05** Make Way for Noddy **7.20** Paw Patrol **7.30** Little Princess **7.45** Pip Ahoy! **7.55** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.20** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.40** Wanda and the Alien **8.55** Toby's Travelling Circus **9.10** Jelly Jamm **9.25** LazyTown
- 9.55 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** The Turtles search for Karai.
- 10.30 **Football League Tonight.** Highlights of Leeds United v Rotherham United and Middlesbrough v Queens Park Rangers. (R)
- 12.00 **Street Crime UK: Caught on Camera.** The use of CCTV to fight crime. (R)
- 12.30 **FILM: Christmas with the Kranks (2004).** Festive comedy, starring Jamie Lee Curtis and Tim Allen.
- 2.20 **FILM: Matchmaker Santa (2012).** Romantic comedy, with Lacey Chabert and Adam Mayfield.
- 4.00 **FILM: Mrs Miracle (2009).** Family drama, starring Doris Roberts.
- 5.50 **FILM: Annie Claus Is Coming to Town (2011).** Christmas fantasy, starring Maria Thayer.
- 7.35 **5 News Weekend.**
- 7.40 **Funnyest Fails, Fails & Flops.** Comedy clip show featuring pranks gone wrong, unwise acts and failed attempts of misplaced ambition.
- 8.10 **Impractical Jokers US.** The guys work in a fast food restaurant and a supermarket, try to get people to sign a ridiculous petition, and have to clean up after dogs in the park.
- 8.35 **Impractical Jokers US.** The guys act as fortune tellers at a boardwalk, and try to impress women.
- 9.00 **FILM: Angels & Demons (2009).** Academic adventurer Robert Langdon is called in by the Vatican to search for four kidnapped men in line to become Pope. Thriller sequel, starring Tom Hanks and Ewan McGregor.
- 11.45 **FILM: Stargate (1994).** A soldier and an Egyptologist travel through a mysterious portal to a distant alien planet where they battle a tyrant. Sci-fi adventure, starring Kurt Russell and James Spader.
- 1.50 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
- 3.10 **Eamonn & Ruth: How the Other Half Lives.** Eamonn Holmes and Ruth Langsford meet Chris Dawson, CEO of retail chain The Range, and also attend one of the glitziest royal balls of the year. (R)
- 4.00 **House Doctor.** A property in Spennymoor, Co Durham. (R)
- 4.25 **Make It Big.** Simon and Jamie get verbal warnings. (R)
- 4.50 **Make It Big.** The team decides on the auction's theme. (R)
- 5.15 **Make It Big.** Keren and Rebecca argue. (R)
- 5.45 **Angels of Jarm.** Angel Rafe shows the children how to get along. (R)
- 5.50 **Angels of Jarm.** The children become annoyed by Otto. (R)



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New rules on smoke alarms are now in force

NEW regulations regarding the provision of smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in rented properties, including those within farm tenancies, have come into force.

The Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015 came into effect on October 1, making the installation of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms compulsory in let properties.

Emily Meredith, a surveyor with Berrys at Shrewsbury, said Berrys has written to clients with tenanted properties and is in the process of ensuring that all properties it manages comply with the new regulations.

"In most cases smoke alarms have already been fitted but we are reviewing all properties to ensure that they do comply. There must be a smoke alarm on each floor of the property and a carbon monoxide alarm in each room with gas or solid fuel appliances which is used as living accommodation," Emily said.

Carbon monoxide alarms must be present in each room with a burning device; this includes heating boilers, solid fuel fires and stoves and gas cookers.

"Although the regulations do not include rooms with gas appliances, the Private Rented Sector Code of Conduct does require CO alarms to be fitted in all rooms with either gas or solid fuel appliances. Berrys subscribes to this code and therefore is advising landlords of the need to fit alarms," she said.

The regulations extend to all houses, however let, and so include those, for example, included within farm tenancies, occupied on service occupancies or let as part of part of business premises.

"Although this new legislation is for landlords it does affect those that sub-let the property. We are advising tenants for their own safety to ensure apparatus is fitted correctly and is working at all times," Emily added.

Failure to comply with the regulations renders a landlord liable to a fine of £5,000.

Fight continues to safeguard tenant farms

THE NFU is calling on Herefordshire Council to keep as many of its tenant farms as possible after councillors agreed to drop a recommendation to sell the entire estate.

The move will safeguard livelihoods and secure the resource for the county, and endorses the council's recognition of the importance of the agricultural sector in Herefordshire.

The decision on October 27 was carried by chairman Councillor Sebastian Bowen's casting vote after members of the authority's general overview and scrutiny committee were tied six to six.

Councillors made their decision in response to a thorough report from the authority's task and finish group, as part of the Herefordshire County Smallholdings Review.

At the meeting they then voted to carry the remaining principal option to the council's cabinet.

This option is for the structured, partial sale of the estate and reorganisation of the remaining farms into a more progressive and commercial entity.

This also went through following the chairman's casting vote.

The union has lobbied the council to retain as much of the estate as possible since the review started and called on the authority to aim for 'a progressive and dynamic policy for the county's agricultural sector'.

NFU members and county estate tenants attended the meeting and the committee's decision will have eased some of the pressure, but many tenant farmers still face an uncertain future until a final decision is made.

Clare Greener, Herefordshire NFU adviser, said the focus was to continue to do as much as possible for tenant members and make the case for those farming families affected; ahead of the cabinet decision in December.

Range gets a boost with new models



The John Deere 8000 Series

JOHN Deere has announced the addition of three new models to its 8000 Series range of self-propelled forage harvesters, which utilise advanced technology to reduce crop losses and boost performance, including new Active Fill Control (AFC) for automated filling of trailers.

The machines are designed to provide customers with up to 15 per cent more productivity, increased uptime, lower operating costs and faster, easier maintenance.

Building on the momentum from the 8000 Series launch last year, these models expand the horsepower range to deliver

optimal harvesting speed, fuel economy, reliability and forage quality, and line up as follows:

- 8300, with a 490hp Stage IV 13.5-litre engine.

- 8700, with a 761hp Stage II 19-litre engine.

- Top-of-the-range 8800, with a 845hp Stage II 19-litre engine.

Because of their longitudinal engine layout, the new foragers feature an improved airflow through the entire machine, resulting in lower cooling requirements and more power for chopping. At the same time the lowered engine position provides

an improved overall centre of gravity and enhanced visibility. This helps to improve stability when working on steep slopes or while travelling on the road at speeds of up to 40kph.

The forager cab features an anti-glare screen, Bluetooth connectivity, plenty of storage room and automatic air conditioning, adjustable from the CommandARM. Other advanced features include a GreenStar 2630 with touch-screen display and all functions conveniently located in the CommandARM, Remote Display Access (RDA) and AutoTrac automatic steering with RowSense.

Funding deal for small woodlands launched

A STREAMLINED and more cost-effective process for certifying and managing small woodlands to the standards of the Woodland Carbon Code (WCC) has been launched.

The new deal was launched by Sir Harry Studholme, chairman of the Forestry Commission, at the Confor Woodland Show at Longleat Estate, Wiltshire.

Sir Harry explained: "Since we launched the Woodland Carbon Code in 2011 it has been a great success in attracting funding into new woodland projects. The code is designed to help investors compensate for their carbon emissions by funding tree planting.

"There are now more than 200 projects registered across the UK, of which half to date have been certified.

"To be robust and credible, a certification scheme must be rigorous in its auditing and inspection regimes.

"However, this incurs costs, and it became clear from experience that the administration and costs involved were prohibitive for smaller projects.

"Now, with a simpler but conservative approach to predicting carbon and dealing with risk, as well as streamlined administration and reduced monitoring requirements, we hope that the small woods process will prove cost-effective to land owners who are looking to undertake smaller woodland creation projects."

Sir Harry explained that carbon funding can make it possible to establish new woodlands which might not otherwise be possible.

"For example, if you get a woodland grant, but it won't cover all your costs, or if you're unsuccessful in winning a grant, carbon funding for a WCC-certified project could bridge the financial gap and help you to finance a woodland creation project of any size."

The small woods process can be used for eligible projects planting from 0.1 to 5 hectares

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Report by Thom Kennedy

tares net planted area (i.e. the area excluding open ground).

Projects smaller than 5ha net currently make up less than five per cent of the carbon sequestration predicted for all WCC projects.

Chris Lodge of Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, a group manager for Woodland Carbon Code projects said: "We welcome this scheme, which should make participation in the Woodland Carbon Code more viable, and encourage many more small woodlands to be created across Yorkshire.

"This will bring many benefits, including flood alleviation, enhanced water quality, and habitat improvements to support Biodiversity Action Plan aims to increase populations of endangered species including black grouse, red squirrel and dormouse. It can also help farmers to diversify their businesses.

"With carbon funding and our own woodland grants programme, Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust can help landowners and farmers across England and Wales create new woodlands by providing finance to support targeted planting.

"We would welcome enquiries from landowners interested in potential woodland planting projects."

WCC certification provides an assurance to woodland carbon buyers that the woodlands really do achieve the carbon savings claimed, in addition to being well managed to the requirements of the UK Forestry Standard.

"This assurance of credibility makes the purchase of woodland carbon more attractive to responsible buyers. The code is administered by the Forestry Commission.

Full information about the small woods scheme is available on the Forestry Commission website at www.forestry.gov.uk/carboncode or by contacting climatechange@forestry.gsi.gov.uk



The deal should encourage the creation of more small woodlands

Delegates are told of changes in the pipeline

DAIRY producers are likely to make significant changes to heifer rearing in the next 10 years, according to Cargill's research and technical manager Jim Quigley.

Speaking to producers and feed industry delegates at a seminar in Telford, Dr Quigley highlighted areas where there's great opportunity for producers to improve efficiency.

He outlined new technologies that will alter heifer rearing in future. "The first is genomic testing of all female calves at a few days old. A producer can predict the relative potential of this animal relative to the herd. There is then a choice as to whether or not to incur her rearing costs or to move her off the farm."

The second area where gains can be made is through better measuring and to improve average age at first calving. "The EU average is between 26 and 30 months – so



Industry changes have been outlined

many are missing their targets and wasting opportunities." Yet heifers that calve between 22 and 24 months old have been shown to have better first lactation yields

and improved longevity, and therefore improved farm efficiency compared with calving at an older age.

"It's been shown that for every month delay over 24 months there is about a four per cent drop in lifetime milk production. And calving heifers too young also affects lifetime milk."

"For many there's money on the table here but it does mean improving heifer rearing and meeting growth rate targets – 800g/day from birth in the case of Holsteins," adds Dr Quigley, who is based at Cargill's research and manufacturing centre, in Ohio, USA.

He encouraged producers to take advantage of new techniques offered through nutritionists, such as growth prediction models. He said: "We're using the Cargill Animal Nutrition Growth Prediction System (GPS) in units across Europe to set targets and allocate costs. We can partition growth phases and estimate how much an animal will eat at each stage to achieve their target growth rate – then work out the cost of production."

BRAIN TRAINING

Test your mental agility. Target times, in minutes, are in the little clocks

9-er



Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all 9 letters.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

THE CLUES

269 gives a girl's name,
8537 gives another girl's name,
471824 gives a boy's name.

Your time:

X is to Y



1. Agincourt is to Henry V as Crécy is to ?
EDWARD II, EDWARD III, HENRY III, HENRY IV, RICHARD II

2. Ashmolean is to Oxford as Fitzwilliam is to ?
BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, EDINBURGH, MANCHESTER, WARWICK

3. Faye Dunaway is to Bonnie Parker as Shelley Winters is to ?
MA BAKER, MA BARKER, MA BLOOMER, MA BOOKER, MA BUNKER

Your time:

Mindbender



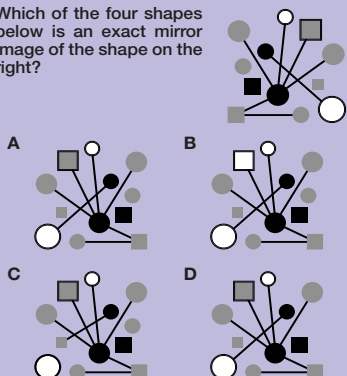
Uncle Ronnie had a farm, and on that farm he had only chickens and sheep. Ronnie counted 55 heads and 156 feet in the farmyard, including his own. How many chickens did he have on his farm?

Your time:

Mirror Image



Which of the four shapes below is an exact mirror image of the shape on the right?



Your time:

Split Decision



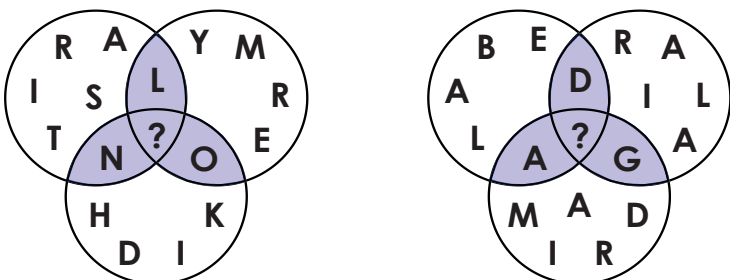
Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

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Your time:

CIRCLEGRAM

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be rearranged to form words with a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



ALPHAMUDDLE

Rearrange the letters to make five words that read both across and down. Five letters have been placed to start you off.

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IMPOSSIPUZZLES

1. A six-figure number's last three digits is equal to three times the first three digits, and the last pair of digits is four times the first pair. What is the number?

2. Charlie removed a one metre wide strip of grass from all the way round a square lawn, which was made into a flower bed. The remaining grass was four-fifths the area of the new flower bed.

What were the dimensions of the lawn originally?

3. Bobby took three-quarters of the stamps Uncle Fred sent, and left the remainder for his sister Jenny. Bobby then gave seven of his stamps to Jenny, leaving her with a third of the stamps Uncle Fred sent.

How many did Uncle Fred send?

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CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- Eliminated (7,3)
- Find (7)
- Only just (6)
- Variety (6)
- Charming (7)
- Wounded (5)
- Not all (4)
- Counters (5)
- New (5)
- Tie (6)
- Certainty (5)
- Sentimental (7)
- Acquires (5,2)
- Killer (9)
- Give (6)
- Turn (5)
- Not dirty (5)
- Tiny (6)
- Begin (5)
- Plant (7)
- Continue (4,2)
- Hubbub (2-2)
- Rescue (4)

DOWN

- Grab (6)
- Fought (8)
- Coin (5)
- Ahead (7)
- Pebbles (6)
- Don (3,2)
- Beat (6)
- Ship (7)
- Dance (10)
- Awning (5)
- Greedy (8)
- Really good (4)
- Invented (7)
- Skinflint (5)
- Sure (7)
- Clothes (7)
- Almost (5)
- Tree (5)
- Support (4)
- Gazes (6)
- Present (4)
- Stuffy (7)
- Observed (7)

- Gratify (6)
- Most equitable (7)
- Container (7)
- Sickness (7)
- Adages (4)
- Peniless (5)
- Wash (5)
- Saucy (4)
- Imagine (5)
- Not taken (4,6)
- All right (4,4)
- Bird (8)
- Animals (7)
- Warning (7)
- Buildings (6)
- Sour (6)
- False (6)
- Clutches (5)
- Agree (5)
- Confess (5)
- Spoil (4)

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SOLUTIONS

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deaths

KEELEY

Heather

nee Bebb

Beloved Wife of John, much loved Mum to Jennifer, Jane, Edward, Philip and Andrew, a cherished Nan, Sister, Aunt, Sister-in-law and a good Friend, passed away after a long illness.

We shall announce the Funeral arrangements once they are finalised by the Family.

All inquiries please to

AUBREY KIRKHAM
Funeral Directors,
Frankwell Island,
Shrewsbury,
01743 368999

ROBERTS

Brian

(Rusty)

Of Wellington, Telford, formerly of Oswestry.

Passed away on November 13, 2015, aged 82 years.

Husband of Dorothy, Father of Lois and Nick, Grandfather of Daniel and Katie and Brother of Barbara.

Funeral Service, 12 noon, Friday, November 27, at Telford Crematorium.

Family flowers only by request or if desired donations to Alzheimer's Research UK would be appreciated.

All inquiries to

Harry Edwards & Sons
1 High Street, Wellington, Telford
01952 244949

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SANDFORD

Joan Margaret Harcourt

Of The Isle, Shrewsbury Died peacefully on November 10, 2015, aged 80 years. Much loved by Daughter Linda, Son Richard and her extended Family.

The Funeral Service will take place at Bicton Parish Church on Wednesday, November 25, at 1 o'clock.

No flowers but if wished donations to the Severn Hospice.

All inquiries please to

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SUTHERLAND

Theresa

nee O'Fee

Widow of Bill, formerly of St Teresa's Parish, who passed away peacefully at Bradeney House, Worfield, after a long illness, aged 93 years.

The Funeral will be held in Ireland.

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No hiding in Juke Nismo

By Graham Breeze

There doesn't seem to be any middle ground when it comes to the Nissan Juke – you're either turned on or off.

Opinion seems to be split that cleanly, you either view the Juke as a thing of real beauty or an ugly duckling, depending on personal taste. So buying the Juke Nismo RS is not an option for the motorist who doesn't want to stand out in the crowd.

It's the sportiest Juke ever standing proudly on 18" alloy wheels, sporting "frog-eyed" headlights with more performance, a sharper chassis set-up and powerful brakes.

Front and rear red brake callipers add to the overall picture of an aggressive performer along with an aero package giving front and rear bumpers and side skirts, a roof spoiler, Nismo front grille, signature red door mirrors, badging and a single exit exhaust finisher.

The NISMO RS features a 1.6-litre DIG-T engine that develops 218PS (160kW), with torque of 280Nm in two-wheel drive/manual transmission versions.

The 2WD model on test benefitted from the addition of a mechanical Limited Slip Differential (LSD) on the driven front wheels, while four-wheel drive models feature Nissan's advanced Torque Vectoring System as standard, along with Nissan's Xtronic transmission, 250Nm of torque and standard-fit steering wheel-mounted paddle shifts.

I've never been afraid to be seen on the

road and sit firmly on the side of those who love this sporty looking performer which has a top speed of 137mph and charges to 62mph in seven seconds. In fact a lot of time was spent explaining the car's pedigree to interested passers-by.

The looks are not confined to the outside because in the cabin you get Recaro sports bucket seats and a dramatic, yet extremely practical fascia with bright red dials.

There's a great thick leather steering wheel to add to the sporty feel and racing-style aluminium pedals.

On the road for a fiver under £22,000 it's surprising to find that the touchscreen control centre Sat-Nav and reversing cameras are all included as standard as well as a DAB radio system and Bluetooth.

Safety was high on Nissan's agenda with the Nismo so you get a gear shift indicator, tyre pressure warning, six airbags, an electric stability programme, ABS with EBD and brake assist, remote central locking, an engine immobiliser, child locks and three rear head restraints, which do obscure the rear view a little too much.

Once you get used to the Recaro seats the front is a comfortable place to be with plenty of seat and steering wheel adjustment to help you find the best position.

There's also plenty of storage space and 60/40 folding rear seats.

Considering the sport nature of the Nismo there's also a surprising amount of boot space. There's 40 per cent more space than in the previous 2-wheel drive Juke taking in to 354 litres and a total of 1,189litres with the seats folded down.

A particularly useful addition is a false floor



Options seem to be split that cleanly, you either view the Juke as a thing of beauty or an ugly duckling

offering additional space to keep the shopping secure.

I haven't driven the 4-wheel drive model but I'm sure it handles better than the version on test which tended to have a little too much power for its own good. That meant hitting the accelerator from a standing start often meant grappling to maintain a straight line. And if stamping the accelerator is what you like doing you'll be hard pressed to achieve Nissan's claimed

combined fuel figures of 39.2mpg or their urban estimate of 29.7mpg.

The test car came in an attractive white and the only other variants are black and silver so you'll certainly see this Nissan coming. In fact since the test drive I've been noticing more and more on the road.

There's a fair bit of competition in the sector for Nissan to worry about but the Juke Nismo has one thing going for it – you'll know when you've seen one.

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Is it time to go full winter yet?

As summer is now behind us, should you be thinking about winter tyres, and when is the best time to switch?

With forecasters predicting the worst winter weather in a long time, many drivers are thinking about fitting cold weather tyres to their cars. Should they and, if so, when is the right time to make the change?

First things first: what are winter tyres? They are tyres designed specifically for use in colder temperatures. They are not snow tyres, which have a much more aggressive tread pattern and are for use on 4x4 off-landers. Winter tyres are made from rubber that allows more movement in the tread pattern than summer tyres, which allows slush and snow to disperse. This design also allows the tyre to warm up more quickly, which helps it provide more grip rather than summer tyres,

which remain brittle at temperatures below 7-degrees centigrade.

That temperature is the key to knowing when to switch to winter tyres from your car's usual summer rubber. It's wise to change before the chilly weather sets in so you are not caught out when the first frosty blasts arrive.

This does not mean you need to worry about driving on winter tyres in warmer conditions, as this type of tyre remains fully functional and completely safe at temperatures of up to 20-degrees centigrade. It gives you a lot of leeway in picking when to swap to winter tyres, but late autumn is a good bet before frost and ice starts to appear in the mornings.

Many drivers will worry about the cost of fitting a second set of tyres when their existing ones have plenty of tread and life in them. While buying winter tyres will add to your running costs in the short-term, it won't cost you any more over the ownership period of the car. This is because you will

be using one set of tyres in the summer and another set in the winter, so the tyre wear is spread across two sets of tyres.

Aside from the cost issue, there is also safety to consider. If you stick with a set of summer tyres for your car all-year round, you greatly increase the risk of a collision on snowy or icy roads. On summer tyres, it takes the average car 43m to stop from 30mph on snow-covered roads, while a car with winter tyres will pull up in 35m. That's a difference of two car lengths.

In winter, the risk of drivers being involved in a collision, regardless of who causes it, increases six-fold. During the harsh winter of 2010, more than three million drivers were involved in a collision of some type and almost half of all drivers reported being in a near-miss.

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Upgrades for Volvo's XC90



Volvo Car UK is enhancing the performance of its award-winning XC90 with a series of Polestar-developed upgrades. This is the first time that Polestar, Volvo's performance brand, has focused its attention on the new seven-seat SUV.

Known as Polestar Performance Optimisation, the upgrades improve the power and torque figures of both the D5 diesel and T6 petrol Drive-E engines, particularly at medium revs where it's most effective.

They also make the accelerator responses even quicker, and alter the settings of the automatic gearbox to provide faster gearchanges and prevent gearshifts during rapid cornering, which could unsettle the car. These quicker and more precise responses to driver commands not only make the driving experience more dynamic, they ensure the car responds predictably during high-speed driving.

The upgrades have been developed and designed by the engineers of Polestar and the racing drivers of Polestar Cyan Racing, the official motorsport partner to Polestar.

Thed Björk, reigning Scandinavian Touring Car Championship (STCC) champion and Polestar Cyan Racing driver, said: "The new Polestar optimisation is about making the car more dynamic and responsive to drive."

"We use the same philosophy as when optimising our race cars, to create a completely balanced package. And this is exactly what we have focussed on with the new-generation optimisations for Volvo cars: powertrain optimisation for real-life driving."

Increased

The maximum output of the D5 Drive-E engine is increased to 233 hp and 500 Nm of torque (up from 225 hp and 470 Nm), while the T6 Drive-E is boosted to 334 hp and 440 Nm (from 320 hp and 400 Nm).

Polestar Performance Optimisations have also been released for the D4 diesel and T5 petrol Drive-E engines in other Volvo models. Like the upgrades to the D5 and T6 engines in the XC90, the aim is to boost medium-rev performance and to make the car's entire drivetrain react more quickly and accurately to driver commands.

With the Polestar Performance Optimisation, the D4 Drive-E offers 200 hp and 440 Nm (up from 190 hp and 400 Nm), while the output of the T5 Drive-E is raised to 253 hp and 400 Nm (from 245 hp and 350 Nm).

The D4 Drive-E upgrades are available in the S60, V40, V40 Cross Country, V60 and XC60, and the T5 Drive-E enhancements are offered in the V40 and V40 Cross Country.

The price of the D4, D5*, T5 and T6 Polestar upgrades is £835, including VAT and fitting.

The work can be carried out at any authorised Volvo dealer, and should take about 30 minutes to complete.

Nick Connor, managing director of Volvo Car UK, said: "These new Polestar Performance Optimisations make our cars and Drive-E engines even more dynamic and desirable."

"The combination of increased power and torque – especially at medium revs – and the changes to make the entire drivetrain more responsive ensure that owners will really feel the difference these optimisations make."

Finally, until the end of December 2015, all model-year 2005 to model-year 2015 all-wheel-drive Volvos can be upgraded with the Polestar Performance Optimisation at the discounted price of £620, saving £215.

The Polestar upgrades do not affect the certified emissions and fuel consumption figures, service intervals or Volvo warranty cover.

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	P	W	L	F	A
Pheasant.....	24	18	6	73	47
Lamb.....	24	17	7	70	50
Lion.....	23	15	8	68	47
Duke of York.....	24	12	12	64	56
Coalport B.....	24	12	12	60	50
Coalport A.....	23	12	11	56	59
Station.....	24	11	13	57	63
Wendy House.....	24	9	15	51	69
Alex.....	24	7	17	56	64
Bush.....	24	6	18	40	80

Bridgnorth

**League
League 1**

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Chelmarsh SC A.....	7	5	1	1	36	20
Fosters A.....	7	5	1	1	34	22
Malt Shovel B.....	7	5	0	2	32	24
Golden Lion.....	7	3	2	2	28	28

	Islanders
	AFC A
	Worfield CC

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Count A won by 5 wickets.
Willey 70 (M.Brown 23, R.Matthews 2-2)
Shepton 71-8 (B.Simmonds 18, L.Simmonds 27 n.o., M.Brown 2-11).
Shepton won by 4 wickets.
Division Two: Church Streton 90-5 (D.Gwilliam 30 n.o., H.Cooper 31, A.Kinsley 2-26)
Count B 85 (J.Hall 3-21, M.Weaver 3-7, B.Crump 2-24). Church Streton won by 25 runs.
Frankton 80-5 (J.Parry 25, R.Lambie 20 n.o.,

League 2						
	P	W	D	F		
Mail Shovel A.....	6	4	2	0	19	19
Bowling Club.....	6	4	1	1	27	21
Chelmarsh B.....	6	2	2	2	26	22
Woodberry.....	6	2	2	2	25	23
Bytlet.....	7	1	4	2	27	29
AFS B.....	6	1	2	3	25	25
Royal Oak.....	6	1	3	2	23	25
Rugby Club.....	6	1	2	3	23	25
Duke Of York.....	7	1	1	2	21	25

Telford Snooker League
Heath Hill Building & Roofing
Division 1

	P	W	L	
Shinfield B.....	9	8	1	35
Dawley A.....	9	6	3	30
Brossley A.....	9	6	3	29
Maddocks A.....	8	7	1	27

Eden A.....	23 p.p. S. Jarrett
Bayley E.....	

9. Brown 175, W. Hughes 22, 12. Albery won by 23 runs.
Marston's Newport & District Pool League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stag M Drayton . . .	4	0	0	20	4	8	
Newport Legonla . .	4	0	0	20	4	8	
Newport Arms 4 . .	2	2	0	18	6	6	
WUFC	4	3	0	16	8	6	
Pheasant	4	3	0	15	9	6	
H'suckle Har	4	3	0	15	9	6	
Jun & B Drayton . .	2	1	1	12	12	5	
Harboursiders . . .	0	2	2	13	11	4	
King's Head A . . .	4	1	2	12	12	4	
Wheatseaf	4	1	2	12	12	4	
H'side Lewis	4	1	2	12	12	4	
Horns Gnosall . . .	1	1	2	11	13	3	
Royal Navy Club . .	1	1	2	10	14	3	
Jun & B	0	0	0	8	16	2	
Shakers	0	0	0	7	17	1	
King's Head B . . .	0	1	3	5	19	1	
Newport Leg B . . .	0	2	2	6	18	0	

Roden Scaffold Division 2

	P	W	F	F
Shinliff F	9	6	3	29
Dawley B	8	7	1	28
Eden G	8	7	1	28
Bayley D	8	7	1	28
Adams & Dawley . .	5	5	3	23
Eden Elite	5	5	3	23
Bayley Cue	8	3	5	20
Shinliff D	8	4	4	19
2nd Club A	8	4	4	19
Adams & Dawley . .	3	3	6	18
Maddocks F	8	3	5	18
Bayley Z	8	7	1	11
Bayley Lads	9	0	9	8

Ron's Gents Hairdress

District

Division 1									
	P	W	D	L	F	A			
Head A 1: Wreathall S 5, WWFCS 5 King's									
Head A 2: 1 Nhrleat S 4, Hargreaves Arms									
3: King's Head B 3, Nhrleat B (Royal Vic) 3;									
Sutherland Arms Tiberlen & Junction A									
4: 3 Buckle Rings 4, Honesycle 4									
Hawks 2									
Newport Singles League									
	P	W	D	L	F	A			
Greg Heathcote	4	0	0	8	0	8			
Andy Keen	4	3	0	1	7	1			
Scott Smith	4	3	0	1	7	1			
Alan Lewis	4	3	0	1	6	2			
Ant Heathcote	4	3	0	1	6	2			
Ben Longstaff	4	3	0	1	6	2			
Charlie Hayward	4	3	0	1	6	2			
Mike Jones	4	2	2	0	6	2			
Mick Hughes	4	2	1	1	5	3			
Phil Pinnol	4	2	2	0	4	4			
Anthony Taylor	4	2	2	0	4	4			
George Taylor	4	0	4	0	4	4			
Russell Porter	3	1	1	1	3	3			
Greg Quinn	4	1	1	2	3	5			
Mike Jones	4	1	1	2	3	5			
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Dave Bristol	4	0	3	1	3	5			
Division 2									
	P	W	D	L	F	A			
Bears Head	11	6	3	2	52	36			
Crown A	11	6	3	2	51	33			
Upton	11	6	3	2	51	33			
Telegraph CB	11	5	3	3	46	42			
Cross Foxes B	11	5	3	3	46	42			
Reman	11	4	4	3	46	42			
Frankwell CC	11	4	4	3	44	44			
Compasses A	11	4	4	3	42	41			
Telepost	11	4	3	4	43	45			
Brooklands A	11	4	3	4	42	46			
Belvidere A	10	5	1	4	41	39			
Woodman B	11	5	0	6	43	45			
Compasses A	11	5	0	6	43	45			
Belle Vue Tavern	11	3	3	5	43	45			
Monkmoor	11	3	3	5	44	44			
Rock A	10	3	2	5	39	41			
Compasses B	11	1	3	7	37	51			
Prince Wales A	11	1	3	7	35	53			
Division 2									
	P	W	D	L	F	A			
Rock B	9	7	1	1	45	27			
Rock C	8	5	2	1	37	27			

2	2	6	2	Royal Oak
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	Telegraph A

Paul Lucas	4	0	2	2	6	2
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11	25	30	31	Red Lion
11	25	30	28	Bull in the Barn
				Red Castle

Terrorfraz Singles & Doubles Domino League				Division 4			
	P	F	A		P	F	A
Wendy House	1	61	39	Anchor HG	9	7	0
Horseshoe	2	58	42	Coach	10	6	4
Bulls Head B	3	53	46	Prince B	10	5	3
Park Hotel	4	55	44	Crown B	8	3	4
Albion	5	50	49	Compasses BH	8	4	2
White Hart	6	51	48	Whessath	9	3	3
White Horse FR	7	50	49	Brooklands	9	3	3
Bulls Head A	8	49	50	Seven Stars	8	4	0
Horseshoe B	9	48	51	Brick Copthorne	8	2	3
Talbot	10	47	52	Dolphin	8	2	3
Railway B	10	44	55	Brighton	9	1	5
Rec Club	11	45	54	Bag & Broom	8	2	5
White Horse	11	46	53	Iron on the Green	7	2	4
White Horse WW	12	34	65	Bulls Head	8	0	2

Llan close gap to one point on wet weekend

LLANRHAEADR made up ground on the leaders in the Spar Mid Wales League division one with a rain-drenched 2-0 home success over Llanidloes Town.

With the two sides above them, Penrhynoch and Welshpool, without a game due to the heavy rain, Llan took advantage to move to one point of the summit.

They went close to taking the lead when Iwan Matthews rattled the post, but went ahead two minutes before the interval when Keiron Evans sent a free kick into the box from just inside the visitors' half, and Tom Bailey found the net with a well taken downward header.

Wayne Austin missed a golden chance to double the lead after the break when firing wide with the goal at his mercy, but the points were wrapped up two minutes from time when Tom Evans released Matthews to fire home.

Llan are in good heart for Saturday's FAW Trophy trip to Brymbo.

By contrast, MONTGOMERY continue to prop up the table with just two points from 12 games after their 3-1 reverse at Carno who are up to fourth.

Peter Rees, now back with Carno, and Andrew Evans, had the home side 2-0 up after the break before Tom Evans revived Monty with a reply early in the second period. But there was no way back for the visitors as an own goal sealed their fate.

In the second division, FOUR CROSSES gave themselves a welcome tonic with a high-scoring 6-4 victory at Newbridge to boost their hopes of climbing off the foot of the table.

Although they continue to prop up the division, their second win of the season means Four Crosses are now level with fellow strugglers Penybont, and just one point adrift of Bont.

At the other end of the table, high-flying Kerry suffered another setback in division two after going down 5-3 at resurgent Aberystwyth University.

After their loss to second placed Berriew the previous week, the leaders were hoping to hit back.

But they made a disastrous start, conceding three goals inside the first 20 minutes as Liam Hunton and a brace by Rian Devlin put the students in charge.

Kerry pulled one back at the break, but the university struck twice more in the second half through Matthew Hunton's free-kick and a Nathan Lang header to effectively wrap up the points.

Elsewhere, the wet weather disrupted the league programme with several games in both divisions postponed due to waterlogged pitches.

Welshpool's Cadwallader is top boss

HIS side may have suffered a washout against Penrhynoch, but Welshpool boss Russell Cadwallader had good reason to cheer after landing the Spar Mid Wales League division one monthly award.

His accolade followed a string of fine results in October that lifted his side joint top of the table with Penrhyn who they were due to entertain at Maesdyre last Saturday.

During the month, Pool pushed up the table with several excellent wins, with their revival taking them to the top of the table.

But the big game of the day in the league fell victim to the wet weather that forced several fixtures in the region to be postponed due to waterlogged pitches.

LLANRHAEADR forward Iwan Matthews bagged the player of the month honour in division one after his rich vein of goalscoring took his side into third spot.

In division two, Aberystwyth University's Chris Warden was named manager of the month following the students' encouraging start of to the season while Churchstoke's Joe Haycock was the second division's player of the month.

FC Oswestry maintain their top form

FC OSWESTRY Town remain neck and neck at the top of the Merccian Regional League premier division after stretching their winning run with a 4-1 success at lowly Oakengates.

Nick Maguire's side share pole position with Allscott who lead the way by goal difference after their 7-0 rout of AFC Broseley.

Goals from prolific striker Chris Bishop, Guy Guilford, Paul Bache and Graham Dyke secured a ninth win of the season, putting Town in good heart for Saturday's trip to Prees (2pm) as they bid to keep

the pressure on their rivals at the summit.

Town adapted well to the wet and windy conditions at Oakengates, but were unable to find a breakthrough before the interval with both teams struggling to create chances.

The second half saw high flying Town step up a gear and they were almost rewarded early on when Guilford rattled the woodwork.

However, moments later, they made the breakthrough when Guilford found the in-form Bishop who slotted home to give his side the lead.

The Oswestry side soon doubled their lead when Bishop released Guilford out on the left wing, and he chipped the keeper from a full 25 yards.

Town were now dominating and, for the second successive week, Bache got in on the action in style when firing into the top corner from 30 yards with the assist from Joe Evans.

The Telford hosts pulled one back on the 80 minute mark, but the three-goal gap was restored when striker Dyke beat two defenders, and rounded the keeper to slot home the fourth.

Guils pay penalty as Cup hopes dashed

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

BATTLING Guilsfield suffered heart-ache as hopes of progressing in the Huws Gray Alliance Cup were dashed following a penalty shoot-out decider against Prestatyn Town.

A rainswept second round tie saw the sides level at 3-3 after 90 minutes, and 4-4 after extra-time, before the gruelling encounter was decided on spot kicks.

And it was Prestatyn who kept their flag flying by claiming the spoils 4-2 in the penalty showdown to overcome last season's beaten finalists.

It was a tough finish for the Guils whose Jake Cook had fired a hat-trick, including a last gasp leveller in extra-time, after Chris Cathrall had opened the scoring.

They had made a bright start to a classic cup tie, but it was Prestatyn who took the lead with Alex Jones heading home a 19th minute corner.

However, the villagers were soon level on 31 minutes as Cathrall crashed home a curling shot after a trademark run from the back.

This was the first of some cracking goals with the impressive Cook giving his side an interval lead when his left footed curling shot found the top corner seven minutes later.

The Guils extended their advantage four minutes into the second half after a defensive clanger from goalkeeper Mike Jones which allowed Cook to slot the ball into the empty net.

But they were unable to hold this lead as conditions worsened, with Prestatyn getting back into the game when Kenny found the net on 53 minutes to reduce the arrears to 3-2.

The Mid Wales hosts appeared to be holding out, but were pegged back three minutes into injury time when James Stead curled a free kick in off the underside of the bar to take the game into the extra period.

Prestatyn seemingly had the impetus and got their noses in front on 115 minutes with Kenny exploiting space at the back to finish.

All seemed lost but, in the final minute of extra time, Cook completed his hat-trick with another spectacular finish to send the game into penalties.

Prestatyn, however, proved the more clinical in the spot kick shootout and emerged 4-2 winners in a wholesale cup tie played in wind and rain.

LLANFAIR UNITED, looking to build on their crucial 1-0 win over basement rivals Caersws the week before, saw their home fixture with Holywell Town postponed due to a waterlogged pitch at the Mount Field.

Meanwhile, Caersws' struggles continued as they slipped to a 3-1 defeat at windy Conwy Borough to remain at the foot of the table.

The Bluebirds had their chances on the coast, but again returned home empty handed despite their efforts as Conwy themselves halted a three match losing run.

Ladies just too good for Ams



Nisa Mendez – on target for TNS Ladies Reserves in their win over Ams. Picture: Josh Pearce.

THE New Saints Ladies Reserves made it two wins from two after overcoming Shropshire rivals Wellington Amateurs 3-1 at Park Hall Stadium.

With Hannah Yates and Nisa Mendez returning from injuries, the Saints did not take long before taking the lead when Toran Kelly fired home a free kick from just outside the penalty area.

Wellington looked to respond but were denied by Ffion Davies in the Saints goal, but did find a way through to level matters before the break.

Stung into action, the Saints came out in much more determined mood in second half, and created a number of good chances before Sara Bengtsson restored their lead with just over 20 minutes to play.

The home side looked to push for the win but were unable to beat the Wellington goalkeeper before sealing the win when Nisa Mendez slotted home in the final seconds of the game to give Ben Richards' side two wins out of two.

The reserves take on league

leaders Kidsgrove Athletic on Sunday at Prees Cricket Club (2pm), while the first team – without any action last week-end – take on Lye Town in the West Midlands Women's Premier League at Park Hall Stadium, also with a 2pm kick off.

Two goals from Charlotte Budd saw TNS ladies under-16s secure a fine 2-1 victory over Derby County Ladies under-16s while the club's under-18s finished 1-1 at Sporting Khalsa with Taylor Davies on target for the Saints.

Three and easy as St Martins back in the groove

A DOMINANT first half display saw St Martins return to winning ways in the West Midlands League division one with a 3-0 verdict over lowly Wyrley to move up to fifth spot.

After their 3-1 loss to Bartreestree the week before, the Saints bounced back at Park Hall, with all the goals coming in the first period against an improving Wyrley side who belied their league position.

St Martins did the damage in the first half, taking the lead in the 10th minute when a good move down the right saw Jamie Hands cross to the edge of the box for the advancing Shin Miah to neatly steer his shot into the net.

That lead was doubled 10 minutes later when a cross from the right by Karl Bailey was volleyed home by Hands.

Woodwork

Wyrley hit the bar, and also forced keeper Jake Northwood into a fine double save, while the home side were also denied by the woodwork.

A third goal arrived in fine style through Shawn Melusi who cut across from the left before smashing a 25-yard shot into the net.

But the Saints lost their momentum in the second half before being forced into three substitutions that disrupted their rhythm.

However, visiting Wyrley rarely threatened to find a way back, with victory putting St Martins in good heart for Saturday's home fixture (3pm) with Wrens Nest, who have proved a bogey team in recent seasons.

Malvern ills for Ellesmere on the road

THE longest trip of the season for Ellesmere Rangers proved to be a highly disappointing one as they were beaten 3-0 at Malvern Town.

The result dropped Richard Brown's side down to ninth spot in the West Midlands League premier division table.

Rangers will look to hit back immediately when they take on fourth-bottom Bilston Town Community at Beech Grove on Saturday.

■ Llansantffraid Village moved a point clear at the top of Montgomeryshire League Mitsubishi Two after Bryn Jones scored twice in their 6-0 win at Llangadwalyn.

But Newtown Rovers are hard on their heels in second spot after overcoming Waterloo Colts 6-2 in the only other match played in the league due to the wet weather.

■ Morda United's Emrys Morgan Cup tie fell victim to the wet weather. The clubs have agreed to rearrange the match for this Saturday with a 1.30pm kick-off.

Latest golf club returns

HENLE PARK

November Stableford Division 1: J Fenn 38pts; T Meehan 37pts; G Edwards 35pts. **Division 2:** W Rolfe 39pts (c/b); R Morris 39pts; I Roberts 34pts.

Founders Shield: J Humphreys and C Bothwell 43pts; J Harris & R Morris 41pts (c/b); T & S Meehan 41pts.

Nearest the Pin: M Welch. **Nearest the Pin (in two):** R Gindley. **Ladies' Waltz:** B Pritchard, S Sims & M Pugh-Jones 58pts; B Aubrey, V Davies & M Shelton 57pts; F Tattersall, D Nicol & J Adams 42pts.

Nearest the Pin: S Meehan.

OSWESTRY

Ladies' Draw for Partners - AM-AM Stableford (16 Holes): K Jones, R Othen, M Green (b/r/o); S Johnson, S Makenzie, G Woolham 61pts; M Brogden, S Graham-Wood, D Mottram 61pts.

Holes: A Colquhoun, W Horan, K Easthope 29pts; B Wigley, L Griffiths, M Alford (b/p) 25pts.

THE BROW

Christmas Competition No. 1: T Williams 36pts; T Brown 35; M Clark 34; J Williams 34; D Talbot 33.

No. 3 Winter League: P Morris 24pts; J Williams 23; J Davies 23; G Gregory 22; T Williams 22.

Try-crazy Eagles close gap at top after win

RAMPANT Oswestry stayed hard on the heels of the leaders in rugby's Cheshire South with a 60-0 mauling of Moore at rain-drenched Granville Park.

Despite the try frenzy, the Eagles remain in third spot, but are just four points adrift of the high-flying Manchester Medics with a game in hand. On a miserable wet and windy day, the home side produced a stunning performance to bring some sunshine into the hearts of their hardy supporters braving the weather.

From the start, they underlined their power and strength in all areas of the game, and were soon in front when some excellent inter play between the forwards and backs provided an offload for Sam Wright to score an unconverted try.

Moore struggled to get a foothold in the game, and fell further behind when a terrific clearance from Luca Owen Yuoens forced the visitors to concede a penalty close to their try line. With their far stronger pack, the Os men took full advantage as man-of-the-match Deian Lloyd Hughes touched down for a second unconverted score.

After Jamie Luckett had gone close to another try following a superb run, the Eagles extended their lead further when Andy Merrett chipped over the defence line to run on and score under the posts, fly half Fin Grogan converting.

And the hosts soon had their bonus point with a fourth try when a piece of individual brilliance saw Tom H Jones catch the ball and kick on for his first try for the team.

Leading 22-0, Oswestry's well oiled machine tightened their grip further when Moore lost a player for 10 minutes to the sin bin.

Hamish Fuller's dazzling passes to his backs were mesmerising the visiting defence, before Zac Baldwin dived over the line following some cracking play from the forwards, the conversion again missed.

The Eagles carried on from there they left off in the second half, keeping to the game plan and forcing the men from Moore on the back foot.

A quick tap penalty from Fuller unleashed the backs before the sprightly Baldwin added his second try, converted by Grogan for a commanding 34-0 lead.

With his team in full swing, coach Gaz Barrett replaced Andy Smith and Zac Baldwin with Josh Tsang and Fletcher Yuoens Owens to give the forwards fresh legs.

Moore could find no way through a solid defensive line, while Oswestry underlined their superiority and fitness in the muddy conditions with further tries from Lloyd Hughes, James Booth and Luckett.

Buoyed by the win, the Eagles now fly over to the Isle of Man on Saturday to take on Ramsey as they bid to further enhance their challenge.

Meanwhile, Oswestry II lost 32-19 at Old Bedians II in the second round of the Brooke Edgley Technical Services Shield.

Ladies edged out after trip to high-fliers

DESPITE a spirited showing, Oswestry Ladies slipped to a 2-1 loss to high flying Chester Ladies III to remain third from bottom in the Cheshire Women's Hockey League division two.

It was the third narrow defeat in succession for the border side who will look to bounce back this Saturday, but face another testing encounter when they travel to second placed Warrington Ladies (12.45).



Marches School pupil Rachel Atherton in action in the World Championships and (right) after a muddy race



Downhill race ace Rachel riding high

Report by Pam Kingsley

DOWNHILL mountain bike racer Rachel Atherton is on top of the world after landing her third world championship and second World Cup – and she says it is all down to the countryside in Shropshire and Mid Wales.

The 27-year-old credits the wonderful surroundings and training facilities in the Shropshire borders for a large part of her success.

She grew up in the countryside where the lack of activities for children in the local area played a huge role in launching her career.

And now she is established as one of the UK's elite athletes, rubbing shoulders last week with the likes of Jessica Ennis-Hill after being nominated for the Sportswoman of the Year Awards.

Rachel, a former pupil of the Marches School in Oswestry, may now be used to travelling globally, but her roots are firmly established in this region.

"My older brother Dan started riding first and then my next brother Gee got involved," she said. "We lived in the middle of the countryside so there wasn't much to do. It gave us something to do with all the other kids in the village. I think all kids ride bikes."

The family moved to Llanrhaeadr, near Oswestry, 15 years ago, and Rachel said the local facilities have been a great help to her and her brothers.

Amazing

"Now we've got the team HQ in Llangynog and there's a bike park there which is amazing, and most of the top riders come here to train. It's great having them on the doorstep," she said.

Rachel had already been riding for five years when the family moved to this region.

She said: "My brothers started doing BMX racing when I was seven and forced me to have a go. My parents split up at the same time, so I went riding because it was when we saw dad, at the races at the weekends."

"I really enjoyed it, which is unusual because a lot of girls and women don't seem to enjoy the competitive side. We started racing mountain bikes a few years later and I was good right from the start. I remember going to watch the Downhill World Cup in Fort William when I was 15, and a British girl won, and that's the point I thought 'I want to be like that, that good.'"

Having persuaded her parents to let her drop out of college, Rachel quickly made an impact, winning her first world title in 2008, in only her second year of racing.

"Gee also won his first title the same day as I did, so that was fantastic," she remembered. "You start your career with no expectations, and



V for victory – Rachel's winning streak is helped by the friendly sibling rivalry provided by her brothers

to realise you were good and at the top of your sport is amazing."

But her career looked to have hit rock bottom the following year when she was involved in a head on collision with a pick-up truck while out on a casual training road ride at the start of 2009.

She had been riding with Gee and Dan in California when the crash happened, dislocating her shoulder and leaving her with cuts and bruises.

While Gee joked at the time that he had "seen her in worse condition, but not by much", for a long time it was doubtful that his sister would ever ride again.

"The crash was the low point, and the injuries I've had," she said. "You can't really accept them but you've got to, although it doesn't make it any easier."

It's so frustrating. I had a year out with operations, and you lose your sense of self because you've been so involved in riding before. Then you get back on the bike eventually and you feel like you've been reborn."

Fortunately, the crash didn't diminish her abilities, as Rachel went on to regain the world championship in 2013, and again this year, adding it to the downhill mountain bike World Cup after winning six of the seven rounds.

"When you've won everything for one year and you're at the top, the only way in theory is back down," she said.

"I'm going to try and stay on top for as long as possible, but it's tough – it's like you've got a big target on your back. It's a bit of a nerve-wracking experience."

COBRA slide to defeat after battle

COBRA remain marooned at the foot of the Swale Welsh League division one (north) after being edged out 7-3 at home to Ruthin.

The Meifod men battled hard, but – despite picking up a losing bonus point – had scant reward for their efforts in increasingly testing conditions.

Defeat, their seventh in eight outings, means they are still four points adrift in the basement and they will look for a change of fortunes away to fourth placed Bala on Saturday.

COBRA could again take plenty of positives from their latest display as they dominated up front by winning plenty of ball from line-outs and scrums in the muddy conditions.

But they were unable to put points on the board from several promising positions, with the absence of a number of last season's chief try scorers hindering their attacking options.

They led 3-0 at half-time with a 15th minute pen-

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

alty from Rhodri Jones, who took over the kicking duties from the unavailable fly-half Llew Williams.

With a slippery ball, handling errors were fairly frequent, but the hosts showed their strength with their powerful forwards making inroads.

After the break, the rain and wind picked up with COBRA having to play into the elements on an increasingly heavy pitch.

But they still took the game to their visitors as they pressed forward, and it was from one attack that they conceded their only points when deep in the opposition 22.

Looking to attack from a scrum, the ball was lost by the hosts, and, profiting from a knock-on that went unnoticed by the referee, Ruthin hacked the ball upfield.

They recycled the ball and again kicked on with

wing Mike Evans winning the race touch down, with the conversion being kicked from wide out by Phyl Roberts to rub salt into the wound.

COBRA did their best to get back into the game, but their considerable efforts were to no avail as they were denied by some dogged defence, and had to settle for a losing bonus point.

WELSHPOOL, 14-3 down at half-time, ended up well beaten 41-3 at rainswept Bangor to remain in fourth spot in the division three (north). They were in the hunt in the first half, Andrew Thomas kicking a penalty, but it was always going to be tough playing into a gale force wind after the break.

They stuck to their task well, but could not prevent the home side from running out clear winners. Pool return home on Saturday as they look to get back on track against Porthmadog.

The youths, with 14 players, lost 29-0 at Bethesda in their North Wales youth division two clash staged at Bangor due to the weather.

Mixed team champions end season with flourish

ALREADY crowned champions, Oswestry Tennis Club's mixed second team ensured they finished the Shropshire Autumn League Division Five North campaign with a 100 per cent record courtesy of a home victory against Baschurch II in their final outing.

Already having confirmed that they would finish top of the group the team were keen to win to complete their clean sweep in a fixture that had had to be re-arranged from October due to bad weather.

In the first round rubbers, the first pair of Gary Edwards and partner Speth Cumpston found themselves in a battle to maintain their 100 per cent record against the Baschurch first pair with Edwards finding his nephew Harrison on the opposite side of the net.

It couldn't have been a tighter encounter with the first set going the way of the Oswestry pair 7-5 and the second set going the way of their opponents on a tie break 6-7.

The deciding third set tie break was equally as close with the score fluctuating first one way and then the other before the Oswestry pair eventually triumphed 1-0 (12-10).

The second pair of Saffron Rainey and Carol Slater soon got into their stride and took their rubber over the Baschurch second pair in straight sets 6-3, 6-2.

In the reverse rubbers, Rainey and Slater were outclassed by their opponents going down in straight sets 1-6, 1-6, but Edwards and Cumpston managed to maintain their winning record by beating the Baschurch second pair in straight sets 6-2, 6-1.

This was an excellent season for the team winning all of their six fixtures and achieving an unassailable 41 points, dropping only seven points all season, to claim top spot and automatic promotion next season.

The club's third team also finished top of their group in Division 7 North, winning all of their fixtures with the fourth team finishing in the runner-up spot after prevailing in their final fixture to leapfrog Crifftins.

The first team have one fixture to complete in Division Two to hopefully make it an extraordinary successful season for the club.

Harriers duo race home at Croft Castle

MALDWYN Harriers Tim Davies and Nicola Davies led the way with impressive victories in the second Herefordshire Cross Country League fixture of the season at Croft Castle.

Davies' time of 47.20 in the men's race was more than one and half minutes quicker than nearest rival Tim Iveson of Bulth and District.

In the ladies race, Nicola finished comfortably ahead of a trio of Wye Valley runners to clock 34.37 over a shorter but demanding route.

Tim, the former British fell racing champion, has now won both of the series races so far and must be hoping to retain the overall title he won in 2014/15.

The winning pair spearheaded a strong team challenge from an impressive contingent of 34 Harriers, with Maldwyn men's A team also taking victory thanks to a sixth from Roger Farrington and strong support from Bryan Arthur (13th) and Todd Tanner (19th) in a record field.

In the women's race, which also attracted it's largest ever entry, Maldwyn A finished a fine sixth place against some very strong opposition, with Nikki Grainger (29th) and Becky Latham (36th) completing the scoring.

The third race in this winter's series will take place at Ufton Court on Sunday, November 29.



Guils told to tighten up at back

GUILDSFIELD boss Dan Barton admits his side need to improve defensively after paying the penalty in their gruelling Huws Gray Cup exit against Prestatyn.

Having been 3-1 up in the second half, the Guils found themselves pegged back 3-3, with the Seasiders' equaliser coming three minutes into injury time through a free kick. Extra-time saw the sides finish 4-4, before Prestatyn won a penalty shoot-out 4-2 to progress to the semi-finals.

The spot kick defeat was tough on Guilsfield, whose Jake Cook scored a fine hat-trick, after Chris Catrall had opened the scoring.

"I can't knock the lads too much, but we should never have lost after being 3-1 up," said Barton. "Again, we conceded some sloppy goals which cost us."

Guilsfield return to Cymru Alliance duty on Saturday when they travel to Buckley Town looking to stay hard on the heels of the leading pack.

Without a league game last weekend, they slipped to seventh in the table, but are still just four points adrift of the leaders.

LLANFAIR UNITED, battling to stay clear of the basement pack in the Cymru Alliance, were left kicking their heels as their home clash with Holywell Town was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch at the Mount Field. The lack of action saw them slip back to fourth bottom.

United are back to duty on Saturday at one of the league's big guns, Cefn Druids, who dropped down from the Welsh Premier last term.

"It's going to be tough there, but if anyone had said we'd be playing Cefn Druids this season, we would have snapped their hand off," said Llanfair boss Rhys Stephens.

"We wanted to play on Saturday after winning against Caersws, but the weather was horrendous and there wasn't much we could do about it."

The Druids, who won 4-0 at Mold last week, are joint top along with Caernarfon Town.

Llan hit road for tricky Trophy tie

LLANRHAEDR bid to keep their flag flying in the FA of Wales Trophy when they make a tricky fourth round trip to Brymbo on Saturday (2pm).

The Mid Wales villagers can head to Wrexham in good spirits following a good run of form that has lifted them up to third spot in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

They have also impressed in the Trophy, first seeing off Llansantffraid Village 3-0 before defeating unbeaten Chirk AAA 4-1 in the last round. Llan now face another Welsh National League side on Saturday as they look to make further inroads in the competition to compensate for an early exit in the Welsh Cup.

Brymbo have been in solid form in the Welsh National League premier division, currently occupying a top six place with two defeats from their first nine games.

Llanrhaedr's Spar Mid Wales League rivals Carno host Castell Alun Colts, and high flying Penrhynoch welcome Penrhynedeudraeth.

SAINTS STORM INTO CUP FINAL

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

MANAGER Craig Harrison praised the resolve of The New Saints who literally weathered the storm to reach the final of the Word Cup for the third time in four seasons.

The Saints overcame Carmarthen Town 4-1 in dreadful conditions at Park Hall in midweek, with Ryan Edwards and Simon Spender giving the holders a 2-1 interval lead in the wind and rain.

Two goals early in the second period from striker Scott Quigley - back from a three match ban - then effectively sealed a blustery passage into another final.

"We're in another final, which is great for the club as we want to win as many trophies as we can," said Harrison.

"We won the treble last season, and our target is to do it again. We know there's a lot of hard work ahead, but we're on the way. I was very happy with the performance and the effort in what were very tough conditions for both sides.

"It was debatable whether the game should go ahead. In the first half the conditions were horrendous with the wind and the rain, but we got on with it, and obviously we're glad to have got through to another final."

The Saints now return to the defence of their Dafabet Welsh Premier crown when they head to Port Talbot on Sunday.

Still unbeaten this season and flying high at the top of the table, TNS make the trip south in confident mood.

Attitude

But Harrison is wary of the Steelmen who have recently boosted their squad by signing former Swansea City defender Alan Tate.

"Conceding a late goal when we drew with Rhyl in our last league game was disappointing, but that is done and dusted now, and everything's rosy again," said the Saints boss.

"It's always tough going to Port Talbot. They had a been going through a difficult patch, but they've hit form in the last couple of weeks, and have signed Alan Tate.

"But, as long as our attitude is right then it's a game we feel we can win. We're now getting everyone fit, which makes my job a lot harder, but it's a problem I'm happy to have."

Although a strong gale swept through Park Hall on Tuesday night, the Saints made sure their defence of the Word Cup was not blown off course as they breezed to a 4-1 victory over Carmarthen Town.

The gusting conditions made life testing for both teams, but the hosts made the perfect start when Ryan Edwards forced home a fifth minute opener after his initial header had been saved.

Carmarthen were level on 20 minutes through a header from Liam Thomas, but Spender restored the lead nine minutes before half-time when steering his shot into the bottom corner.

TNS started the second period on the front foot, and never looked back once Quigley notched a quickfire brace on 53 and 56 minutes to set up a final against Gap Connah's Quay or Denbigh.

Rally takes to the local roads



Mike Faulkner and Pete Foy won the Wales Rally in dramatic fashion on the final stage

THE world's top drivers, along with thousands of fans, descended on the Powys roads for the final round of this year's Network Q WRGB National Rally.

Crews headed through several towns and villages in the region, including Llansantffraid, as the rally, with a full capacity field of 89 cars, provided one of the most gruelling events ever.

A dramatic finish saw last year's winners Mike Faulkner and Pete Foy benefit from late misfortune for long-time leaders Jock Armstrong and Paula Swinscoe - who retired on the final stage, Brenig - to steal an unexpected second consecutive victory.

Scottish ace Faulkner praised another top notch rally through the area, despite the atrocious conditions of rain and strong wind.

"It was another fantastic WRGB National Rally! The atmosphere around the whole event was electric despite the weather and certainly captured the spirit of the classic Network Q days," he said.

"Notwithstanding the appalling conditions, the event stayed on-track and all the marshals stuck out in the weather for long days remained full of enthusiasm and always had a smile.

"They were probably the worst conditions in which we have ever competed. Just staying on the road was a task in itself - aquaplaning

down the track certainly kept us alert - but that only added to the challenge and made it as much a battle against the elements as the competition, which is how all the classic Network Q RAC events used to be.

"We were delighted to emerge as the winners for the second year in a row. We are a small family team, so this is a massive achievement and testimony to the commitment of everybody involved. Great support and fantastic marshalling - a truly classic Wales Rally GB!"

Ben Taylor, Wales Rally GB managing director, praised all those who helped to make the event one to remember on the region's roads.

"We are all hugely grateful for the amazing work carried out by the volunteer marshals who endured long days, often in driving winds and lashing rain, to ensure the show stayed on the road," he said.

"The National Rally is an intrinsic part of Wales Rally GB and now firmly established as a fantastic end of season celebration."

Faulkner overcame some car issues on the opening day and drove superbly through the demanding Welsh forests to secure a thoroughly deserved success.

This year's National Rally was sponsored by Network Q on the company's 25th anniversary.

Clarke all set for trip with Lions

OSWESTRY cricketer Joe Clarke is ready to roar for the England Lions when the T20 Series against Pakistan gets under way next month.

The 19-year-old wicketkeeper-batsman is attending a two and a half week batting camp in Dubai along with 11 other players, and is the youngest member of the England Performance Programme squad to participate in this winter's tour.

The training runs into next month, before the T20 series against Pakistan A gets under way on Monday, December 7.

Steve Rhodes, who is Clarke's coach at Worcestershire, will work with the Lions this winter in an assistant coach capacity, alongside head coach Andy Flower.

It has been a terrific summer for Clarke who, having played for Oswestry for several seasons, scored his maiden first class century for Worcestershire with an unbeaten 104 against Sussex.

He finished with 535 Championship runs at an average of over 35 from 16 innings, and also struck an unbeaten 131 against Gloucestershire in the One Day Cup.

His efforts during the season earned the lad from Trefonen a three-year contract with the Pears after graduating from the club's Academy.

Meanwhile, club stalwart Jim Phillips played his part in helping England's Over-70s team to a successful tour of Australia.

The 73-year-old played in three state games and in the final Test match of the senior side's eight-fixture tour.

His overseas exploits continued as he flew out to St Lucia with a Shropshire Over 50s side just 36 hours after returning from Australia.

Eagles flying out to the Isle of Man

OSWESTRY'S rugby players face a long trek to the Isle of Man on Saturday as they look to maintain their challenge in the Cheshire South against mid-table Ramsey.

Having lost just once in nine outings this season, the Eagles are in good shape in third spot after last weekend's 60-0 mauling of Moore at a muddy Granville Park.

Just four points now separate the top three teams, while the Eagles also have a game in hand on leaders Manchester Medics. However, they will face a challenge when they fly across the water to the Isle of Man which has not always proved a profitable hunting ground.

Meanwhile, **COBRA**, who are proping up the Swalec Welsh League division one (north), know they need to start picking up points when they make Saturday's trip to fourth placed Bala.

Despite landing a bonus point in last weekend's closely fought 7-3 home loss to Ruthin, the Meifod men are still four points adrift at the foot of the table.

They battled hard, but failed to make the most of their chances as they slipped to their seventh defeat in eight league outings.

WELSHPOOL, beaten 41-3 at rainswept Bangor in the division three (north), bid to bounce back at home to Porthmadog on Saturday.

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